

St. Andrew's News

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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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around."

- Willie Nelson (musician, author, activist)

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

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

The next date for Coffee & Conversation will be on 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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Office Hours: Wednesday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Nov 11 - TOPS @ 11am

Tues Nov 11 - Session @ 7pm

Wed Nov 12 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am

Wed Nov 12 - Music Class @ 4pm; 5:15pm

Wed Nov 12 - Bible Study @ 7pm

Thurs Nov 13 - Event Planners @ 10am

Thurs Nov 13 - Music Class @ 11am

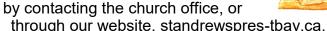
Thurs Nov 13 - Bible Study @ 12pm

Thurs Nov 13 - Music Class @ 5:15pm

Sun Nov 16 - Souper Sunday @ 12pm

SHORTBREAD BAKERS NEEDED

The last day to place orders for shortbread is this Thursday, November 13th! Orders can be made



As well, more shortbread is still very urgently needed, as orders greatly outnumber the shortbread we have available at this time. 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 in support of this important fundraiser, you may sign out butter from the church freezer, and printed recipes are available in the front office. Please contact the church office if you have any questions about either ordering or baking.

SOUPER SUNDAY

All are welcome to join us **next Sunday** after the worship service for a Souper Sunday lunch, hosted by the Seekers. A reminder that the Seekers are a women's group that has been contributing to fellowship and fundraising for over 45 years. They are always open to those who wish to join or inquire. Contact the church office for more information.

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

The next Lunch With a Difference will be held on 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.

From Joyce

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I know that we just got into November, but it is that time of year when things really ramp up in the church and in the community because Christmas coming. I counted not days, but Sundays until Christmas and there are only six! That means in the coming weeks so much is going to be happening at St. Andrew's. For starters our two major fundraisers of the year are taking place. Shortbread sales will wrap up this week. There is still a ton of baking to do as there are over 1000 dozen shortbread sold at this point. Bakers have been going above and beyond and a small but mighty team have been preparing orders.

The other major fund raiser is the St. Andrew's Community Concert being held on Sunday December 7th at 4:00pm. Last year was the inaugural year for this concert. It was well attended and such a joy. This year we hope to exceed the attendance of last year and are excited to welcome both a variety of very talented and gifted musicians as well as the community to our church home, all while raising much needed funding for the work that is done through the congregation, the staff, and the building. I encourage you and invite you to buy tickets to what promises to be another amazing and joy filled concert. Bring a friend, heck, bring your family and/or a group of friends! Enjoy a great afternoon of music that celebrates the season. Check out the rest of the newsletter for details on how to get your tickets and lets celebrate the joy and hope of the season together!

MISSION MOMENT

With a legacy of care and service spanning 115 vears. St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, remains steadfast in its commitment to community outreach and demonstrating love through acts of kindness and support. The church's cornerstone initiatives include donations of essential items such as food, hygiene products and clothing to organizations like the Salvation Army, the local food bank, and the Women's Centre. A dedicated group known as the Thistle Club, composed of hardworking women who sew and knit, contributes handmade goods to the local hospital and the Atlantic Mission Society. Through compassion, generosity and an unwavering presence, St. Matthew's continues to be a caring part of the community it serves.

Mission Moments are short highlights of the mission and ministry in Canada and around the world supported by Presbyterians Sharing, and Presbyterian World Service & Development.

FOOD BANK DRIVE

While St. Andrew's has already donated nearly 400 pounds of food to the Thunder Bay Food Bank, the need for more continues to be great. Popular items include pasta and sauce, Kraft Dinner, peanut butter, rice, tins of tuna, salmon, ham, and chicken, soups (both canned and instant), cans of beans, lentils, chickpeas, and vegetables. Cereals and instant oatmeal, Mr. Noodles, pudding cups, and other quick lunch items are popular. Baby food is always needed. Please include our Food Bank Drive on your grocery list!

CHECK OUT THE HERITAGE WALL

In honour of Remembrance Day, the Heritage Committee has compiled a selection of articles, photos, and poems, all of which are on display in the front hall. Take a moment to have a look!

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 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!

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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER

We pray for all who mourn or suffer because of conflict and war. We ask God to protect and guide peacekeepers and those who serve in the armed forces.



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.

