



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



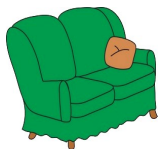
PREMIERE STAGED READING



We are excited to announce that St. Andrew's is mounting a staged reading of a new original play by Michael Lehto! The play, "**Love & the Ghost of Wolf Pepper**" is a crowd-pleasing comedy with a spooky twist. We are fortunate to have as our director, Beverley Gravelle-MacLeod who has many years of experience in Thunder Bay's theatre community. Beverley has assembled a wonderful cast of experienced, talented actors who are sure to bring this play to life. You won't want to miss it! This will be a fundraiser for the church, with tickets selling for **\$20** (available online at standrewspres-tbay.ca, or by contacting the church office. You may also purchase them after worship in the front office).

The staged reading is one night only, on **Saturday, October 17th, 2026 at 7:30pm**. Spread the word, bring some friends, and come enjoy a night of exciting local theatre while supporting St. Andrew's!

LOVESEAT NEEDED



As part of our staged reading of "Love & the Ghost of Wolf Pepper," **we need a loveseat** that we can use as part of the set. Ideally it would be lightweight and easy to transport. It would only be needed on a temporary basis. If you have one you are willing to lend us, please contact Jordan in the office as soon as possible.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Mon Sept 28 - Welcome & Fellowship Team @ 6:30pm
Tues Sept 29 - TOPS @ 11am
Wed Sept 30 - The Music Class® @ 4pm, 5:15pm
Wed Sept 30 - Bible Study @ 7pm
Thurs Oct 1 - Event Planners @ 9:30am
Thurs Oct 1 - The Music Class® @ 11am
Thurs Oct 1 - Bible Study @ 12:15pm
Thurs Oct 1 - The Music Class® @ 5:15pm

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Stewardship is not ownership —
it is the privilege of care."

- Unknown

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

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net



BIBLE STUDY: MATTHEW FOR EVERYONE

A five-part study using N.T. Wright's
Matthew for Everyone, Part 1: Chapters 1-15
(20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide)

Wednesdays: September 30th - October 28th
(7:00-8:30pm)

or Thursdays: October 1st - October 29th
(12:15pm-1:45pm)

N. T. Wright's updated translation and insightful commentary breathe fresh life into the gospel of Matthew. Here, Jesus emerges as a multifaceted figure: the



long-awaited Messiah, a teacher surpassing Moses, and the compassionate Son of Man sacrificing for all. Matthew invites readers to embrace Jesus' wisdom and the transformative way of life he imparts. You can order the book yourself through Indigo or other online retailers (be sure to get the 20th anniversary edition), or ask Rev. Joyce to help you secure a copy. And please let her know if you plan to attend, either through contacting her directly or connecting with Jordan in the office. If you have been looking for a way to engage with scripture, glean new insights, and connect with others, this is a place for you.

From Joyce



Instead of writing a note to you for this week, I want to highlight the following as taken from the Presbyterian Church in Canada's website...**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.** September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also called Orange Shirt Day. It is a national day of memory for the generations of Indigenous children taken to residential schools: for people who are Survivors, intergenerational Survivors, their families and communities, and for the children who never made it home from the schools.

Orange Shirt Day was begun by Phyllis Webstad, a Survivor who at age six had entered the St. Joseph Mission Residential School in B.C. wearing a beloved orange shirt, only to have it taken away and replaced with the institution's uniform. The loss of the orange shirt became symbolic of all that was taken from children at the schools – language, culture, family, community relationships, spiritual practices, safety, security, identity, and sometimes even their lives.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada ran 12 residential schools. In the church's apology we make five fundamental commitments, including listening to and learning from Indigenous people and telling the truth about the past. One way congregations support these commitments is by publicly marking September 30. Suggestions for other ways to get involved:

- Read [Phyllis Webstad's story](#).
- Read the church's [Apology](#) colonization and residential schools.
- Consider donating to the [Honouring the Children Fund](#), which supports Indigenous-led initiatives associated with searches for unmarked burial sites, responding to trauma and supporting healing initiatives in Indigenous nations and communities where schools were operated by The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
- Check local Indigenous organizations or municipalities for public events marking September 30.
- [Watch, and learn](#) more about the church's complicity in colonization and residential school system.
- Additional information and resources can be found on the Social Action Hub's [Indigenous Justice webpage](#).

OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed on **Wednesday, September 30th** in observation of the **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation**. As well, there will be no **Fun & Fitness** on this day.

OCTOBER 4th SERVICE

October 4th is **World Communion Sunday**, and as such, our service that morning will include Communion. As well, a coffee hour hosted by The Seekers will follow, as well as an opportunity for anyone in attendance to ask questions of the Session (leadership team) regarding the many ongoing projects throughout the church.



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 \$11 per dozen. Pickup dates will be Friday, November 27th from 11am-3pm, and Saturday, November 28th, from 10am-2pm. The final day to place orders is Friday, October 30th. No late orders will be accepted, so get your order in soon!

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!



CALL FOR SHORTBREAD BAKERS

St. Andrew's annual shortbread sale is one of our most important fundraisers. For decades, St. Andrew's has been a reliable source for high quality shortbread during the holiday season, and many community members eagerly await our sale every year. But in order to carry this out, we need numerous volunteers who are willing to bake. Whether you have volunteered to bake in the past, or are interested in doing so for the first time, we welcome your support! Butter can be signed out from the church freezer. 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 during office hours or on Sundays. Please be sure to label your containers. If you wish to support this work but are unable to bake, we welcome monetary donations to cover the cost of butter. Contact the office with any questions!

