



St. Andrew's News

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October 11th, 2026

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



PREMIERE STAGED PLAY 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, this **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!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us—and He has given us everything."

- Thomas Merton, "Thoughts in Solitude"



Donations to St. Andrew's can be sent via e-transfer to
offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Oct 13 - TOPS @ 11am
Tues Oct 13 - Session @ 7pm
Wed Oct 14 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
Wed Oct 14 - The Music Class® @ 4pm, 5:15pm
Wed Oct 14 - Bible Study @ 7pm
Thurs Oct 15 - The Music Class® @ 11am
Thurs Oct 15 - Bible Study @ 12:15pm
Thurs Oct 15 - The Music Class® @ 5:15pm
Sat Oct 17 - Staged Play Reading @ 7:30pm

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!

SHORTBREAD VOLUNTEERS

St. Andrew's annual shortbread sale is one of our most important fundraisers. But in order to carry this out, we need numerous volunteers. If you are able to **help wash shortbread tins** between **9am-12pm** on Thursday, **October 22nd** and/or Friday, **October 23rd**, please contact the office to sign up. Of course, **we also need bakers** as the orders are rolling in! 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!

From Joyce



Thanksgiving weekend is upon us. As people gather, or not, I often wonder how many people actually take the time to give thanks, or has it just become a chance for a long weekend and time off for some. Not everyone gets this weekend off, from store clerks to first responders and hospital/care workers, there are jobs and professions that don't get time off for this statutory holiday. These people alone are a reason to be thankful. They heal, protect, and serve us. It would be more than challenging, in fact it could be life threatening if they took the day off because it was the Thanksgiving holiday.

Going back to my first thought, I find that there are those who just think they are deserving of everything they have. They feel they have worked hard and have gotten where they are because of their efforts alone. Hard work and effort are important, but we all need someone at some point. Still, some can see people who are struggling and make a judgement call about another's circumstance. It can be really tough to put oneself in another's shoe and walk in them. Some people have really difficult circumstances fraught with generational trauma, substance abuse, mental and physical illness and though they want different and better for themselves, it can feel near impossible to find a way out. Feeling the judgement of others is just another barrier.

Colossians 3:12-17 are verses that put thanksgiving into perspective for everyone. In these verses the Apostle Paul shows us that thanksgiving is a lifestyle that is to be lived everyday, not just on occasion, and it is for all people. It is a posture of the heart that leads to transformation of the soul, and possibly our circumstances. I leave you with Paul's words to the church in Colossae for you to ponder on this Thanksgiving weekend.

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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MEMORIAL FOR GUS BARCLAY

PLEASE JOIN US IN REMEMBERING

Gaston "Gus" Barclay

*The Barclay Family invites you to gather with us to honour Gus
and share the stories, laughter, and joyful memories
that made him so special to all of us.*

Saturday, October 17, 2026

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Valhalla Inn

Light refreshments will be served:
sandwiches, dessert, and beverages.

Come as you are, and bring a favorite memory or story to share if you'd like.

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Hosted by the Barclay Family

MISSION MOMENT

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, St. Paul's Pres. Church in Eckville, AB, has been a dedicated contributor to the Canada Foodgrains Bank for over 35 years. What began as a small



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project on donated land has expanded into a community-wide effort, with local farmers, families, and town leaders working together to plant, grow, and harvest grain. Through their commitment and generosity, the congregation helps provide food assistance to people facing hunger during crises such as conflict, drought, and natural disasters. Their growing project is a powerful example of faith in action and community partnership.

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.

**Thank you to Lorne Clifford for
leading us in worship on this
Thanksgiving Sunday!**

