



# ST. ANDREW'S NEWS

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## FINAL WEEK FOR SHORTBREAD



This is the **final week** to place orders for St. Andrew's shortbread! Orders are due by **Friday, October 30th**. You may place your order on our website, [standrewspres-tbay.ca](http://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.

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 spread the word!

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT



An annual tradition returns as St. Andrew's presents The Sounds of Christmas: A Community Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 6th 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 online at [standrewspres-tbay.ca](http://standrewspres-tbay.ca), or through the church office (807-622-4273, or [office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)). Posters are available in the front office if you wish to share!

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Oct 27 - TOPS @ 11am  
Wed Oct 28 - The Music Class® @ 4pm, 5:15pm  
Wed Oct 28 - Bible Study @ 7pm  
Thurs Oct 29 - Event Planners @ 9:30am  
Thurs Oct 29 - The Music Class® @ 11am  
Thurs Oct 29 - Bible Study @ 12:15pm  
Thurs Oct 29 - The Music Class® @ 5:15pm  
Fri Oct 30 - Shortbread Orders Due

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"The more full the creature is with gifts the more the creature should look in gratitude to the fullness of the gift-giver. The fuller the giver the greater the bounty to others."



- Kathryn Tanner, "Jesus, Humanity and the Trinity"

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

[offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

## SHORTBREAD BAKERS NEEDED

St. Andrew's annual shortbread sale is one of our most important fundraisers. But in order to carry this out, we need numerous volunteers. 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!

## FIRST-WESLEY TEA & BAZAAR

First-Wesley United Church (130 N. Brodie St.) is hosting their Christmas Tea & Bazaar this **Saturday, November 7th** from **1:00pm-3:30pm**. Admission is \$10 and Children under 5 are free. Call Kathleen at 807-577-1297 to reserve tickets in advance.



## From Joyce



As this is the last Sunday of October, I wanted to share with you about All Saints Sunday which lands next week, the first Sunday of November. This service has become one of the special Sundays in our liturgical year. Worldwide the traditions around All Saints Sunday vary, but at St. Andrew's we take a moment near the beginning of the service to say the names of people in the congregation, and connected to people in the congregation, that have died in the past year. We then light a candle in remembrance of each individual named. It is a tradition that started with the early church and has carried forward throughout the history of the Christian Church. This has become particularly important to our congregation as many people and families are opting for graveside services or no service at all over the last years. This allows our church and individuals in the church to honour the lives of loved ones in a community setting. It is important to remember those who have been part of our families and church family and, though death has separated us physically, trust that they are part of the great cloud of witnesses that are referenced in Hebrews 12:2. Those witnesses are people who have died and, in their lifetime, have shown us what it means to trust God and God's purposes. As well there will be candles placed around the perimeter of the sanctuary that people will be invited to light in a time of quiet reflection so that they can remember and honour those whose lives touched theirs at any point. Feel free to come, to be welcomed, to invite others to share in this time of worship, should this be a meaningful service for them to attend. And may we be a congregation that, with compassion and grace, holds space for those whose lives have changed or who are themselves grieving for a person that deeply touched their life.

## TIME CHANGE



With October coming to a close, it's almost time to **Fall Back!** Don't forget that next **Sunday, November 1st at 2am**, clocks will move back one hour as Daylight Savings Time comes to an end for 2026.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

### Sunday, November 1st is All Saints Sunday.

During the service, we will say the names of people from or connected to our congregation who have passed in the last year. We will light candles in remembrance. Anyone wishing to remember someone by lighting a candle during the service will have the opportunity to do so.

On **Sunday, November 8th**, we will observe **Remembrance Sunday** during the regular service at 11am. We also invite you to join us prior to the service for **Coffee & Conversation** at 10:30am.



**Sunday, November 15th** is the next **Children & Youth Sunday**. All are invited to be a part of this special service, and to join us afterwards for a **Souper Sunday lunch**, hosted by the Session.

## UNDERCOVER PROGRAM

For over 20 years, the Undercover Project by Community Clothing Assistance has been dedicated to providing children in need, age 4-14, with 7 pairs of new socks and underwear, ensuring their dignity and comfort. This program supports well over 1000 children annually, with over 1800 benefiting last year.



St Andrew's is happy to be participating in this program once again. We ask that you drop off new children's underwear and socks at the church, into a bin marked "Undercover" by **Sunday, November 22nd**. If you prefer to give financially, please visit [clothingassistance.com](http://clothingassistance.com).

## MISSION MOMENT

In Mwanyesha, Malawi, Vincent Ng'ambi lives with his wife and five children. They previously struggled in a leaking thatched house and faced food shortages due to climate change, making farming unreliable. After joining the Lupembe food security project, they received training in climate-smart agriculture, self-help groups and household visioning. The training helped increase their maize production, enabling them to build a safe home. "We are grateful and proud. Thanks to household visioning, we dreamed bigger and set goals. Our new brick house with iron sheets symbolizes our hard work and a better future," Vincent shared with tears. This project is an initiative of Presbyterian World Service & Development's partner, the Synod of Livingstonia Development Department.

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