



# St. Andrew's News

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October 4th, 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](http://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!

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer (pastor, theologian)



**Donations to St. Andrew's can be sent via e-transfer to**  
[offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Oct 6 - Seekers @ 11am  
Tues Oct 6 - TOPS @ 11am  
Wed Oct 7 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am  
Wed Oct 7 - The Music Class® @ 4pm, 5:15pm  
Wed Oct 7 - Bible Study @ 7pm  
Thurs Oct 8 - The Music Class® @ 11am  
Thurs Oct 8 - Bible Study @ 12:15pm  
Thurs Oct 8 - Facilities & Finance @ 1:30pm  
Thurs Oct 8 - The Music Class® @ 5:15pm

## 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](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. **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!

## MISSION MOMENT

We are God's people, called to serve with the unique gifts God has entrusted to each of us. As members of a denomination united by faith, shared governance, history, and mission, we are stronger when we work together. Through Presbyterians Sharing, Presbyterians across Canada join in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and sharing God's love and hope in our communities across the country and around the world. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing strengthen congregations, bring hope to vulnerable people, support the PCC's commitment to confession, truth, and reconciliation with Indigenous people, seek justice, and share Christ's love in practical and meaningful ways. Together, we can accomplish far more than any congregation or individual could on their own.



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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.

## From Joyce



It is interesting how certain themes in one's life will repeat themselves, making sure it gets your attention. In fact, urging you to pay attention, to learn, and to make corrections. The theme for me over the last week has been listening. I consider myself a good listener. I learned early on that it was something that God had given me the ability to do, but that only meant that I had to do more to hone that gift. Even things that may appear to come fairly naturally can always use refining, polishing, and sharpening. And for me, this is the case with listening.

I have agreed to be a Listening Partner as part of a project to give a little time each month for people in ministry seeking to have someone who will just listen. In ministry, we are consistently faced with conversations and struggles that we cannot freely share with others and so we hold those thoughts, feelings, and more within us. I am grateful as I have colleagues and friends that I have close relationships with, people I trust, to whom I can go when I need a listening ear.

This past week I watched a webinar as part of the training I have to take to become a listening partner and I have to admit, I thought to myself, I pretty much know this stuff. And then, a couple of days later, I got a call from a girlfriend, one of those people I call when I need someone as well, only to learn that a number of months back I had not listened well, offered what I thought was helpful advice, and now know it was a stumbling block for her and our friendship. I am so grateful for the deep friendship as, when she was ready, she called and we were able to talk about it. I got off that call and thought, figures God would remind me that I still have so much to learn.

I have many ponderings about my experiences and my listening, and as I ponder, I think of the many people in this congregation who have trusted our relationship enough to let me know when I haven't listened well, or did something that just wasn't helpful. I give thanks for the grace I receive from both people and God as I continue this lifelong journey of learning to listen well. Thank you for being a congregation that shows love and care toward me. You are a gift to me.

## 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.*

RSVP

Carolyn • 807.630.6048 • by October 9

*Hosted by the Barclay Family*

## 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 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!



**Please join us in Rowand Hall after  
this morning's service for a coffee  
hour hosted by The Seekers. Members  
of the Session will also be available to  
answer questions, and discuss church  
projects (see attached Session Report).**

