St. Andrew's News

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



"We must always take notice that he makes use of thanksgiving in place of congratulation, by which he teaches us, that in all our joys we must readily call to remembrance the goodness of God."

- John Calvin, "Commentary on Colossians"

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

CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK

On **Sunday, December 13th,** the Seekers will be hosting a congregational potluck immediately following the worship service. If you are able, please bring a dish to share, and join us for fellowship and some holiday cheer!

UPCOMING CONCERTS

On **Sunday, December 6th** at **7pm,** Canadian singer-songwriter **Steve Bell** will be performing "an evening of story and song" at Redwood Park Church (2609 Redwood Ave.) Tickets are available at stevebell.com/events, or by calling 1-800-854-3499. As well, the **Fort William Male Choir** will be performing a "prelude to Christmas" at Hilldale Lutheran Church (321 Hilldale Rd.) on **Friday, December 11th** at **7:30pm**, and **Saturday, December 12th** at **2pm.** For tickets, email tickets@fwmc.ca, or call 1-866-987-2420.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Mon Nov 16 - Welcome & Fellowship Team @ 6:30pm
Tues Nov 17 - TOPS @ 11am
Wed Nov 18 - Fun & Fitness @ 9:30am
Wed Nov 18 - The Music Class® @ 4pm, 5:15pm
Thurs Nov 19 - The Music Class® @ 11am
Thurs Nov 19 - Facilities & Finance @ 1pm
Thurs Nov 19 - The Music Class® @ 5:15pm
Fri Nov 20 - Trans Day of Remembrance @ 6pm

UNDERCOVER PROGRAM

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

St Andrew's is happy to be participating in this program once again. At this time new underwear is most needed. Please place donations into a bin marked "Undercover." **Next Sunday, November 22nd** is the last opportunity to donate before the bin is collected. If you prefer to give financially, visit clothingassistance.com.

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! Some performers have participated in this event before, while others are new to this year's lineup. Performers include instrumentalists, as well as vocalists and choir groups. This event is a fundraiser for our church. Tickets are $25, and children under 10 are free (no ticket required). Tickets can be purchased on our website, at standrewspres-tbay.ca, or through the church office (office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net, or 807-622-4273). Posters are available for pick-up in the front office to help us spread the word!

From Joyce

I have been reflecting on what has kept me occupied in body, mind, and spirit since I got back this September after my three-month leave. I have not been bored! There are the regular duties of planning for and leading worship, Session, Facilities and Finance, along with attending Welcome and Fellowship team meetings and supporting their work as needed. I am deeply grateful for all the members of those teams as they do the work needed for each group to function exceptionally well.

The Presbytery of Superior has met and is meeting again this week at our church. Presbytery is the regional representation for our denomination and includes the ministers, representative elders, and others who support the work from St. Andrew's, Lakeview Presbyterian, and St. Andrew's, and St. James Shared Ministry. This past week also had me working at the Synod level, which includes our presbytery and all the Presbyterian Churches in Manitoba. Our congregation is part of the Synod of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. Nationally, I am the convenor for the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees. I officially work with the committee with the longest name! I do hope to write more about this in another email as it is the committee that receives nominations for all the other committees of the PCC and we are always on the lookout for people with gifts and skills to help the Presbyterian Church in Canada functionally, faithfully, and boldly.

There is a lot more to the administrative piece of ministry that I could share, but the fall has also brought bible study, The Music Class, and seven funerals/internments filling my time. Those pieces of the ministry are really times of blessing for me. It is time in conversations that have meaning, and music that builds relationships of joy and love. I have also managed to get a number of visits in with people for which I am truly grateful. It is one of my greatest pleasurers to spend time with members of the congregation. Some of those visits are in people's homes, sometimes it is meeting for coffee or over a meal. One of my favourite visits this fall was with a member who taught me how to finally make a good pie crust as part of our visit. I am a good baker but good pie crust has eluded me lol! This week I get to learn how to roll the tiny cabbage rolls like my mother-in-law used to do. The double blessing is I get to learn while also getting to know another in our congregation a little better. Building relationship with the people in this congregation is such joy for me. If you would like to share some time with me over a cup of tea or while we learn together, I am up for it. Please connect with me so we can arrange a date.

That is the high-flying overview of what September, October and a little of November have looked like for me. Add to that all the planning for events, shortbread baking, and more that has been taking place at the lead of others and this is a pretty amazing congregation to be a part of. Through it all, I pray that the work is done with joy and grace, and because of that welcome and love radiate from each and every one of us who calls St. Andrew's their church home. If you are feeling the call to participate, lead, share ideas, be a part of the joyful work, please be courageous and tell me. I am excited for our ministry and how each of us are and will be the church working to respond to need, restoring people to wholeness, and rejoicing together.

PRESENTS FOR PEACE



Within the next few weeks, a small Christmas tree will appear in Rowand Hall, under which donations for two local women's shelters can be placed. Gifts may include children's toys, games, puzzles, colouring items, or scarves, gloves, mitts, and hats. Personal care and small household items are also welcome, as are small denomination gift cards. This has been a St. Andrew's tradition for years, and a deeply appreciated way to express our love and compassion for those in our community who are struggling this year. Please keep it in mind as you do your holiday shopping.

SHORTBREAD URGENTLY NEEDED



With less than two weeks to go before shortbread pickup, **we still currently need about 400 dozen more** in order to fulfill all orders. Your support of this fundraiser is vital, and would be most appreciated! 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. Please contact the office with any questions!