



TOGETHER

a weekly newsletter for members
and friends of the St. Andrews faith community

Sunday, May 22, 2022



This Sunday

Sunday, May 22, 2022—6th Sunday of Easter

The Kingdom of God... is like opening a
cottage on the May Long Weekend

Worship Committee

“Opening the Cottage”

Our next worship time together falls on May 22, the long Victoria Day weekend traditionally associated with the opening of camps and cottages and marking the beginning



of camping season. Join us as the Worship Team explores the theme of opening our summer dwellings as a modern day parable for the season ahead of us at St. Andrew’s!

Next Sunday

Sunday, May 29, 2022 – Ascension Sunday

Theme: Witnessing as One

The season of Easter closes with the risen Christ ascending into heaven and leaving the disciples to wait for what comes next, being equipped by the gift of the Spirit. The disciples might well have remembered Jesus praying



that they would be one in heart in mind that the world might believe. An oneness that is shared between Jesus and the Father in love, is asked to also bless in love those who follow him. These verses have historical significance for us in the United Church of Canada. “That all may be One” was the motto taken by the uniting church in 1925 and captured the hope that the new denomination would witness as one to the Gospel.

St. Andrew’s Welcomes You !

St. Andrew’s strives to create a welcoming home for all those seeking to explore their connection with God, spirituality and Christian community. We are pleased to have you worship with us either in-person or through our online YouTube channel.

St. Andrew’s is an Affirming Ministry of The United Church of Canada and is committed to building a welcoming and inclusive community. The congregation has also done the training to be a Blue Umbrella organization so it is a dementia-friendly place.

If you would like information, please give us a call during office hours and someone will be pleased to chat with you. 705 472-7680



ST. ANDREW’S MISSION STATEMENT



St. Andrew’s is an inclusive and affirming Christian community of faith worshiping God and serving others. Inspired by Holy Scripture and guided by tradition, reason, and experience, we share the ministry of Jesus Christ by nurturing spiritual growth, caring for creation, and being with those in need.

ST. ANDREW’S AFFIRMING STATEMENT

St. Andrew's United Church is an Affirming congregation within the United Church of Canada.

We are committed to creating a safe, inclusive and nurturing community where all are welcome. We delight in the goodness and grace of God as expressed through the diversity of race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, ability or economic circumstance. We give thanks for the richness of the Spirit among us and in the work we are called to do in the world.



Worship Schedule

May 29th Ascension Sunday—Witnessing as One
Acts 16:16–34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12–21 John 17:20–26

Season of Pentecost

June 5th Pentecost and the 97th Birthday of the United Church

June 12th - Transition Time, the last Sunday Rev. Lillian Roberts will be with the congregation

Looking Ahead to the Summer...

As is the practice, St. Andrew's and Trinity will share hosting worship during the summer.

St. Andrew's will be hosting worship in July and Trinity will be hosting in August.



THE TRANSITION TEAM

The Transition Team presented its final report to the May Council meeting . The report will be posted on the website shortly under the Transition tab. The team hopes that you will take the opportunity to read it and if you have any questions, please reach out to the members of the team who would be happy to have a conversation.

Thank you to all those who have participated by sharing their experience and wisdom about the future of St. Andrew's.

The report will be presented to the congregation at the congregational meeting in June which will also look at the work of the Profiles Committee.

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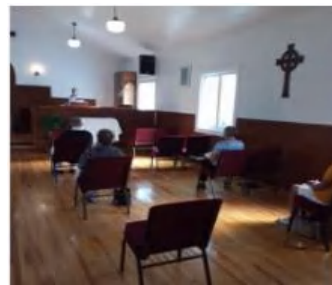
Prayers for our sister congregations in the Canadian Shield Regional council

PRAYER LIST

Our regional council invites its communities of faith to remember one another in prayer. Praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ reminds us that we are companions in the ministry and mission of the United Church of Canada.

This week we are asked to offer prayers for:

Porcupine UC – Porcupine



Covenant UC – Timmins



Building Use This Week – May 22– 28

Sunday: 10:30am In-person worship, Sanctuary
2:00pm, Support group, Parlour

Monday : Victoria Day Stat Holiday
7:00pm Support group, Parlour

Tuesday: 6:30pm Gateway Harmony Sanctuary
7:00 pm Council Meeting. Parlour

Wednesday: WED WORSHIP MAY 25

6:30pm, Baytones Choir, Sanctuary
7:00pm, Support group, Parlour

Thursday: 8:30-10:30am, Loaves & Fishes, from the Narthex
7:00pm, Support Group, Parlour

Saturday: 4:00pm, Choir, Sanctuary



**St Andrew's Church Council passed a motion to present the Profile Committee's Report and recommendations to the Congregation at a:
Congregational Meeting following Worship
On Sunday, June 5, 2022.**

The work of the profile committee will be posted on St. Andrew's Website as drafts for congregational review.

The website is: <https://standrews-northbay.ca/>

The recommendation regarding Ministry is to seek a Supply Minister for 12 to 18 months on a 3/4 time basis to support and guide our congregation per the recommendations as outlined by the Profile Committee.

Further to this, we are seeking one or two interested parties from the Congregation to join the Search and Selection Committee; alongside of a member of the Profile Committee and a member of the M&P Committee; should the congregation support and approve these recommendations. If you are interested please provide your name to a member of St. Andrew's Church Council or a member of the Profile Committee

Let gratitude shape your tomorrow

By Vicki Nelson, May 4, 2022

Every day we have an opportunity to use our resources to take risks in new ways of living the faith

These are the last words spoken by Dr. Randall Mindy, portrayed by Leonardo DiCaprio in the Netflix movie *Don't Look Up*. This film shows how a distracted society decides to give its attention to an impending crisis. When Dr. Mindy speaks those words, he is expressing gratitude—but in the context of deep regret.

This idea of not realizing how good life is, how richly blessed we are, until it is gone or something terrible happens is a repeating theme in music, literature and art. All too often we carelessly pave paradise and put up a parking lot. In Portuguese there is a word for this appreciative melancholy hindsight: *saudade*.

As common as it may be, this gratitude-in-the-midst-of-regret, this *saudade*, is not inevitable. You can actually use gratitude to transform yourself and your community of faith by focusing on all that you have now, *before* regretting all that you have lost. Looking at your abundance and resources to find pathways to engagement and ideas for meaningful ministry is a powerful practice that Luther K. Snow calls Asset Mapping.

Snow often talks about "cup half-full thinking". By naming your assets—property, possessions, networks, skills, and more—you can recognize and rediscover the abundance of God's gifts, and break out of cycles of need, dependency and scarcity thinking. Science has even proven it, feeling gratitude for all that you have, and talking about it, helps you think creatively, stay positive and hopeful, and problem solve with better results.



Broadview Magazine Subscriptions

It is time to renew through St. Andrew's, your Broadview Magazine subscription for 2022/23. If you wish to continue receiving your magazine through St. Andrew's, or order a new subscription, please call the church office at (705) 472-7680, or email standrewschurch@cogeco.net

*your decision to renew, cancel, or order new and your address, if changed.
Thank You!



Monday—Office Closed

Tuesday—Thursday

10 am—2 pm

Friday 10 am—1 pm

Please note: access to the office is through the McIntyre door.
You need to ring the bell to obtain entry.

The Good Samaritan Corner



**Please Note:

St Andrew's is looking for a volunteer to sit on The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay!

If you are interested, please call the office at 705 472-7680, or Email: standrewschurch@cogeco.net

The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs.

[Nipissing Transition House](https://nipissingtransitionhouse.com/), 547 John St, 705-476-2429 accepts pyjamas. For more information, visit <https://nipissingtransitionhouse.com/>

[Rebuilt Resources](https://rebuiltresources.com/), 1356 Regina St, 705-497-7878 accepts vouchers to help the homeless transition from life in a shelter to a life of independence. Please donate your gently used items! For more information visit <https://rebuiltresources.com/>

[Hope Awaits Ministries](https://www.hopeawaitsministries.com/), 390 1st Ave E, 705-494-5465 offers apartment start up kits for men leaving the shelter and transitioning to a life of independence. They also have a Free Store offering men's clothing. For instance, men who go to a job interview need suits. Please donate your gently used items! For more information, visit <https://www.hopeawaitsministries.com/>

Did you know that the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay will be holding another Backpacks of Love campaign? Since the last point-in-time count conducted in North Bay in the fall of 2021, 300 brothers and sisters were counted as homeless. Talking with frontline organizations, they recommended essential items such as socks, silver emergency blankets, reusable water bottles, rain ponchos, hats to name a few. These items will be placed into useful backpacks. The Compassionate Committee will be accepting donated items and cash/cheques at the New Apostolic Church, 46 Joseph St, with drop-offs on: Saturday, June 4, and Saturday, June 11, from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay>



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MINUTE FOR RIGHT RELATIONS
(M4RR)

BONUS MAY 2022 M4RR

The Right Relations Resource Team (RRRT) has made resources available for people to download and use. These resources are called **M4RR – Minute for Right Relations**. The intention for the M4RR is to offer a brief monthly reflection that we hope will find a forum

in a variety of ways in your context such as being:

- read in worship;
- printed in the Sunday bulletin;
- read at the start of a Board Council meeting or study group; and/or
- used for personal reflections

Here is a bonus M4RR for May 2022:

[M4RR Bonus May 2022](#)