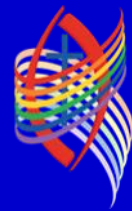




TOGETHER

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



Sunday, January 28, 2024

Morning Worship at 10:30 am Minister: Caitlin Smithers

This Sunday - January 28, 2024

What is wisdom?



We have been celebrating the birth of Jesus and the ministry he would go on to lead. Now, let's look at the wisdom within Jesus' ministry, and what we can learn from Jesus about how to listen a little deeper, move a little closer, and open ourselves up a bit more to the possibilities of what we can do if we are truly there for one another."

Next Sunday - February 4, 2024

What does it mean to heal?

We have been celebrating the birth of Jesus and the ministry he would go on to lead. Now, let's look at the ways Jesus offered healing within his ministry, and what we can learn from Jesus about how to heal one another and the world around us. Perhaps we can listen a little deeper, move a little closer, and open ourselves up a bit more to the possibilities of what we can do if we are truly there for one another."



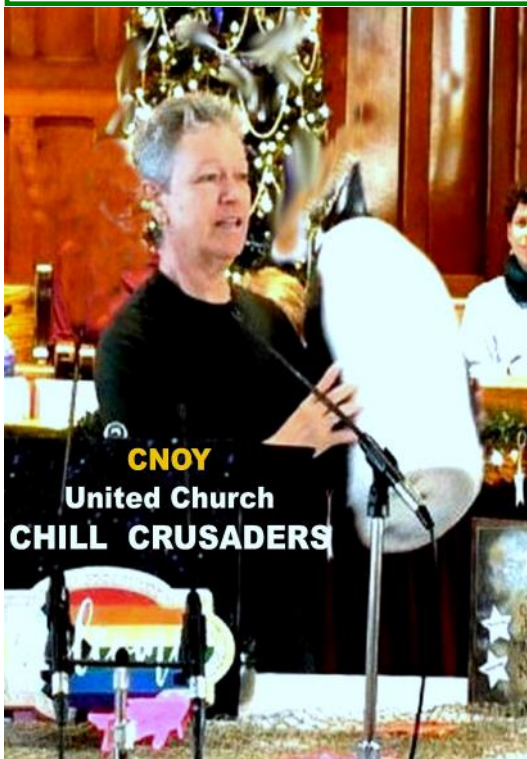
LOOKING AHEAD - SERVING ON THE ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH COUNCIL

There are 16 people that make up the **St. Andrew's Church Council**, and they manage the church's activities. In addition, we have 12 standing committees which get the work done.

Click ****HERE**** to view/download the current constitution document (Oct. 2022) so you can read the descriptions of each of the roles as well as the standing committee responsibilities. (or visit <https://standrews-northbay.ca/our-church-governance-structure/>)

The members of the Nominating Committee will soon be asking for volunteers to serve on the Council. You will be invited to consider this opportunity to serve your faith community!

Bill Ingwersen,
Nominating Committee Co-ordinator



Monique Peters introduces "Percy" the penguin who is the mascot of the UCC team (*United Chill Crusaders*) that is participating in the "Coldest Night of the Year" fundraising walk on February 24th.



Rainbow Pot Luck Supper

There will be a Rainbow Pot Luck in the Club Room, **Saturday, January 27th, 2024**

We will gather at 5:30, and eat at 6:00. This is a long tradition at St Andrews for 2SLGBTQ+ people and allies from St Andrews and the larger community of North Bay. Please bring main dish or salad or dessert or your favourite pot luck contribution.

All congregational members are very welcome!



A LINGER LUNCH at ST. ANDREW'S Sunday, January 28th

Our next Linger Lunch will be hosted by **Betty Hurley** and **Frankie Syme** in the gym immediately after the morning worship service. As well as offering a time of food, fellowship and connection, this will also be a time to find out more information about the many facets of the St. Andrew's Church Council. Various committees will have displays outlining who they are and what they do ... and everyone is encouraged to ask questions!

Trinity Soups On info



SOUPS ON!!

Trinity United Church AOTS once again are hosting Trinity Soup Tasting Night on Friday, January 26th from 5-6:30.

Adults \$10 6-12yrs \$8.00, Family (4) \$25.00, under 6yrs Free.

All are welcome!

Trinity United - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 13, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Adults, \$10, Youth 6-12 \$8, Family (4) \$25, under 6 free

St. Andrew's Building Use Schedule — January 27 - February 3, 2024

Jan. 27th - 9 am - 1 pm PEMA in Parlour
& 7-9pm Support Group Rm #6

& 4-6pm CHOIR - Sanctuary

****Jan. 27th - 5:30pm - Inclusivity Potluck Supper — Clubroom & Kitchen**

Jan. 28th - 9:30-10:30 am Support Group Rm #6

10:30 - 11:30am - Sunday Service Sanctuary

11:30am - 1:00pm - Linger Lunch in Gym

12:30-5:30pm Baby's 1st Birthday - Clubrm

& 6-9pm—Warriors NB Cricket Club—Gym

Jan. 29th - 5:30-9:30pm Choral Society—Gym

& 7-9 pm Support Group Rm #6

Jan. 30th - 4:30-8:30pm 2 x Special Olympics Groups in Gym

Jan. 31st - 5:30-9:30pm Baytones - Gym/Sanctuary

& 7-9 pm Support Group Rm #6

Feb. 1st - 8:00-11:00am—FOOD BANK in Gym

& 4:30-6:00pm Special Olympics - Gym

& 7-9 pm Support Group Rm #6

Feb. 2nd - 9:00pm - 12:00am—Warriors North Bay Cricket Club—Gym

Feb. 3rd - 9 am - 1 pm PEMA in Parlour

& 4-6pm CHOIR - Sanctuary

& 7-9pm Support Group Rm #6

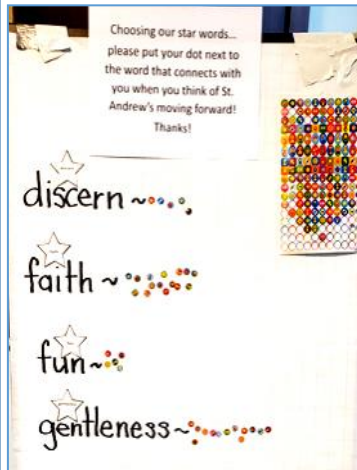
St. Andrew's United Church WELCOMES YOU !



We are an Affirming Ministry of The United Church of Canada and are 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.



There is an elevator, a wheelchair ramp at the Algonquin entrance, and a handicapped-friendly washroom in the Narthex. Assistance is also available for the hearing-impaired. 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.



VOTE - ST. ANDREW'S STAR WORD for 2024

These four "Star Words" (*photo left*) were randomly picked during the Epiphany Sunday service on January 7th.

All St. Andrew's people are asked to choose **one word** that connects with them when they think of St. Andrew's moving forward this year.

You can cast your vote by one of two ways:

- In person at Sunday worship by placing a sticky dot beside your word displayed at the back of the Sanctuary
- casting your vote online [at standrews-northbay.ca](http://atstandrews-northbay.ca)

The Deadline is midnight, Sunday, January 28, 2024.



On the first Sunday of the Epiphany season (January 7th), we celebrated with the lighting of the Epiphany Candles using the flame of the Christ candle. Here Sheila O'Brien lights the first candle as Minister Caitlin Smithers watches. The lighting of the Epiphany candles symbolizes how Jesus' presence on Earth was comparable to light entering a darkened world.



LOOKING AHEAD - 2024 LENT/ EASTER DATES and SPECIAL SERVICES

(at St. Andrew's unless otherwise indicated)

Tuesday, February 13 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (*Trinity United*)

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday service at noon

THE SEASON OF LENT (Theme: The Theology of Remembering)

Lent 1: Feb. 18 **Lent 2:** Feb. 25 **Lent 3:** Mar. 3 **Lent 4:** Mar. 10 **Lent 5:** Mar. 17

March 24 - Palm/ Passion Sunday

March 28 - Maundy Thursday Potluck & Service

March 29 - Good Friday Service (*Emmanuel United*)

March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Regular Hours: **Monday CLOSED**

Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:30am-2:30pm, Thursdays 12:30-4:30pm,

Friday 10:30am-1:30pm

Pastoral Care Please call the office at 705 472-7680, leave your contact information and a detailed message, and your message will be forwarded to St. Andrew's Minister.





Loaves & Fishes
Community
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Northland Wrestling



We are so grateful for our partnership with Northland Wrestling. Not only are they renting our gym once a month for their wrestling matches they are supporting Loaves & Fishes. Ticket purchasers are given \$5.00 off their next ticket purchase if they bring in a donation

Connections



Many clients have told us how much they love the chapel and appreciate being able to sit, have a cup of coffee and a treat. Some of our clients go into the sanctuary and pray. The Connections Program also gives the volunteers an opportunity to talk with our clients and get to know a bit of their story. Here I am chatting with Gabriel who is a residential school survivor. He told me his given name in English is Blue Sky Turtle but the priest named him Gabriel. He lives on the top floor of his apartment building and is grateful to have a place to live but would be happier living closer to the ground.

For more information about the Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank
E: loavesandfishes@standrews-northbay.ca or T: 705-472-7680 to leave a message
Lorie Fairburn, Food Bank Manager

Celebrating Our World
2024 Calendar Fundraiser

The stunning art calendar created by Judith and Bill Ingwersen was a resounding success again this year, bringing in \$1080! We are grateful for this shared beauty and heartfelt generosity!



it's cold out there
feb. 24, 2024
#cnoy24



You're Invited

To the Kick-Off event for the **United Chill Crusaders** Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) walk.

- **Saturday, February 3, 2024**
- **2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**
- **Emmanuel United Church, 395 Lakeshore Dr, North Bay, ON P1A 2C5**
- **Light snacks**
- **Together we all add our handprint to a banner that we will carry during the CNOY walk**

How you can help

- **Join us in the walk**
- **Donate to the United Chill Crusaders Team or any of the walkers**

We want to make it easy for you to help.

You can sign-up or make a donation by visiting CNOY.com, in the search area enter United Chill and the United Chill Crusaders page will come up. Or you can ask Lorie Fairburn how you can help and she can help you make a donation or sign-up.

All cheques are to made payable to Coldest Night of the Year!

All proceeds will support the work of our partner the Gathering Place.



For more information about Coldest Night of the Year

E: loavesandfishes@standrews-northbay.ca or T: 705-472-7680 to leave a message for Lorie Fairburn, Food Bank Manager