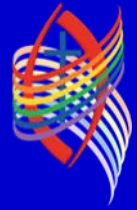




TOGETHER

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



EASTER Sunday, March 31, 2024

Morning Worship at 10:30 am Minister: Caitlin Smithers

EASTER Blessings

Alleluia! Christ is risen! May His resurrection bring you hope and inspiration this Easter. Let this be a time of renewal for you ... and may every morning be an Easter Morning from now on!



**This Sunday
March 31, 2024
EASTER SUNDAY**

**Where do we see
Jesus in our lives
today?**

The Easter story is a special one! It invites us to see new life, new possibilities, and new ways of seeing Jesus we may not have imagined before. We experience Easter joy right along with the disciples in this story.

While the story brings with it newness and energy, much of that was possible because of the relationships and the foundation of trust that Jesus built among his followers.

As modern disciples of Christ, we are called on to strengthen the same kind of trusting relationships and foundations that existed so long ago.

**Next Sunday - April 7, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

**What does it mean to see or
to believe?**

I BELIEVE...

In our sacred stories we hear about people who give and share, who gather and lean on one another, ask questions, and are uncertain at times. Where do we see ourselves in these stories?

As a community, we have been asking lots of questions lately, and wondering together the questions of our faith. We have also been looking at the ways we feed, shelter, nurture, or even surprise one another. So, let's embrace our questions, and the ways we travel together, as we share some Easter eggs!"

**...and afterwards
Annual Congregational Meeting
In the Sanctuary**

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 7th

WHEN: Sunday, April 7th—after the morning service

WHERE: in the Sanctuary—light refreshments provided

WHY: to receive and approve the 2023 Annual Report, consider the report of the Nomination Committee and conduct any other business that may be brought forward. A copy of the **Annual Report** will be available on the [St. Andrew's website](#) as of **Friday, April 5** and at the Annual Meeting.



HOLY WEEK DATES and SPECIAL SERVICES

March 28 - Maundy Thursday Evening Potluck & Service (at St. Andrew's—5:30pm)
(see more information at the top of page 3)



March 29 - Good Friday Morning Service (*Emmanuel* 10:30 am)



March 31 - Easter Sunday

Outdoor Easter Morning Service Sunrise - 7:30 am
Corner of Ferguson & McIntyre Streets

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE - St. Andrew's - 10:30 am

St. Andrew's Prayer Corner



The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (Psalm 145:18)
For this week we ask that you keep the following people in your prayers:

Karin & Tim Robertson and Karin's family on the passing of her uncle
Judy Campbell, Linda Bowes, Karin McMurchy, Ardis Pattenden
Peter Hadow Family of Isobel Luckett Family of Stew Bell

BUY ORCHARDS GIFT CARDS AND HELP THE FOOD BANK!

With the purchase of every \$25 Orchard's Gift Card, \$5 will go directly to the *Loaves and Fishes Community Food Bank*. You can order your gift cards by:



- e-mailing Jean Jamieson at jean.jamieson@century21.ca
- Phone the church office at 705-472-7680 & leave a message.

This is a great way to shop for quality food at Orchard's - and help the *Loaves & Fishes Community Foodbank* at the same time!



INTERESTED IN HOSTING A LINGER LUNCH?

Hosting a Linger Lunch after a Sunday worship service is not that difficult – and can be a rewarding experience. Just a bowl of soup and some buns make a great meal! Or how about some sandwiches, or chili or a stew?

If you, your family, or group of friends would like to host a Linger Lunch we would be glad to let you know how to go about it. Please see Liz Brownlee or any member of the Congregational Life Committee – they can give you the information.



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.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO A
MAUNDY THURSDAY
POTLUCK & TABLE COMMUNION SERVICE
HOSTED BY ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**

Please join us for a **Maundy Thursday Potluck on Thursday, March 28th, 2024,**

in the St. Andrew's United Church gym
(please use the Macintyre St. doors).

Arrive starting 5:30 p.m., and plan to eat at 6:00 p.m.

Table Communion worship will follow the meal.

Please bring your own plate and cutlery and a **potluck dish** to share.



WANTED - USED POSTAGE STAMPS

- Cut stamps from mail
- Do not cut too close to the perforations
- Leave the stamps on the paper
- No more than 1 cm left around each stamp

St. Andrew's member, **Mary Marrs** sends these stamps to the **Christian Salvage Mission** who distribute Bibles, hymnals and Sunday School materials worldwide. These stamps are sold to collectors to help fund the work of the **C.S.M.**



PLEASE GIVE THESE USED STAMPS TO MARY,

St. Andrew's Building Use Schedule - Thurs. March 28 - April 6, 2024

<p>Mar. 28th - 8:00-11:00am—FOOD BANK in Gym & 7-9 pm Support Group Rm #6</p> <p>** 5-10pm MAUNDY THURSDAY— Potluck and Service in the GYM at St. Andrew's UC</p> <p>Mar. 29th - GOOD FRIDAY—St. Andrew's is CLOSED (Service is at Emmanuel UC 10:30 am)</p> <p>Mar. 30th - 9 am - 1 pm PEMA - Parlour & 7- 9pm Support Group - Rm #6</p> <p>Mar. 31st-7:30am Sunrise Service outdoors (pg.1)</p> <p>Apr. 1st - EASTER MONDAY CHURCH CLOSED & 7-9 pm Support Group - Rm #6</p> <p>Apr. 2nd - 4-8pm 2 Groups Special Olympics-Gym</p> <p>Apr. 3rd - 5:30-9:30pm Baytones - Gym</p> <p>Apr. 4th - 8:00-11:00am—FOOD BANK in Gym & 7-9 pm Support Group Rm #6</p> <p>Apr. 5th - NO BOOKINGS</p> <p>Apr. 6th - 9 am - 1 pm PEMA - Parlour & 7- 9pm Support Group - Rm #6</p>	<p>& Loaves & Fishes CAFÉ — Chapel</p> <p>10:30am EASTER SUNDAY ST. ANDREW'S</p> <p>& 5:30-9:30pm Choral Society—Gym 1-5pm MultiCultural Easter Egg Hunt - Clubrm</p> <p>& 4-6pm CHOIR - Sanctuary</p> <p>& 4-6pm CHOIR - Sanctuary</p>
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FLO - Faith Living OUTLoud



On March 19, our Minister Caitlin was interviewed by with Bridget Yard, Producer of *Up North*, an afternoon program on CBC *Radio One*. Caitlin was asked questions about a program that she, Renee Michaud, Tracy Davis, and Peter Haddow have all started at [OUTLoud – North Bay](#) here in town, called **FLO: Faith Living**

OutLoud. Bridget asked Caitlin questions about the program, about faith, queerness, and what it means to create safe spaces for 2SLGBTQIA+ people of all ages.

The interview (about 9 minutes long) is archived on the CBC Listen website and the descriptor reads:

Faith can be a complex topic for people who identify as queer - and church, even more so. A group in North Bay is providing guidance and safety to young people with questions about the church, God, and how they fit in. We'll get the details from United Church minister Caitlin Smithers.

Click on the link to hear the interview <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-84/clip/16050449>

St. Andrew's United Church member's comment on Caitlin's interview:



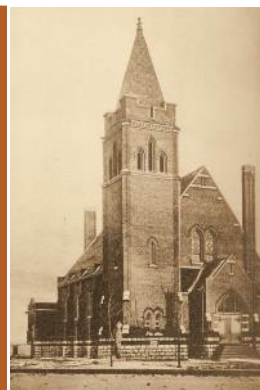
This is terrific Caitlin. I just sat down and had a careful listen to it. You have a lovely, clear radio voice — no “ums” and “ahs”, no hesitations, no pat responses. It is an authentic and deeply honest interview. I am so proud that you are at St Andrews. You spoke to every listener's innate spirituality, and were a wonderful spokesperson for our congregation. Many thanks!DONNA SINCLAIR

WARM YOURSELF UP WITH TURKEYFEST SOUP

DURING THESE COLD WINTER DAYS!
(dry bean soup mix in a jar- makes 8 cups)

\$10 per jar — Call Liz Brownlee
705-476-8031

Also available at church
on Sunday mornings—see Liz!



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.



Empty Bowl Lunch & Silent Auction



**Loaves & Fishes
Community
Food Bank**

Please consider
bringing a canned
food donation

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024

Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Cost: \$30 and you get to keep the bowl!

Where: St. Andrew's United Church Gym

Enter: McIntyre Street Doors

What to expect: You choose an empty handcrafted bowl donated by the North Bay Potters Guild and fill it with soup. There will be large selection of sandwiches and desserts to choose from.

Silent Auction: we have many items and services to bid on

To purchase tickets: contact Liz Brownlee, Willa Gallant, Lorie Fairburn or Janet Ross in the office, call: 705-472-7680 or email: st.andrewschurch@cogeco.ca.

Empty Bowls is a grassroots movement by artist and crafts people in cities around the world to raise money for food related charities to care for and feed the hungry in their communities.

Please scan the QR code to the right for more information. All proceeds will go to St. Andrew's Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank.

