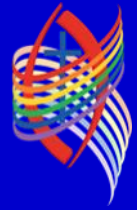




# TOGETHER

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



Sunday, March 9, 2025

Morning Worship at 10:30 am — Minister Caitlin Smithers

**This Sunday - March 9, 2025**

**LENT 1**

**STRANGER AND NEIGHBOUR**



Throughout Lent this year we will be reflecting on how we can meet God in the in between spaces, as we collaborate and build bridges together, filled with compassion and kindness, in the midst of all we encounter in our daily lives.

**Next Sunday - March 16, 2025**

**Lent 2: PIE Day**

This week in worship we will reflect on the story of Mary and Martha, and how in many translations, Jesus says that “Mary has chosen the better part,” which has been used to create a divide between Mary and Martha. However, in the Greek, Mary has chosen the “good portion,” and Martha’s tasks are called “ministry.” Therefore, perhaps Mary represents our faith, our desire to know God intimately, and Martha represents our good works, our desire to transform the world, in Public, Intentional, and Explicit ways.



Both are needed, and both are good.

## 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:

**The family of Joanne Hughes**

**The family of Dorothy Peebles (Barb VanHerk’s Mother)**

**Janie Holmes    Micheline Fleming Dunn    Rob Fleming    Marg Fleming**

**Ken Dech    Katie Davis    James Butcher    Joanne Dufresne**

**Gary Jones    Don Vaillancourt    Don Yackobeck**

**The family of Betty-Lou McNabb**

**Sister United Churches: Bellingham UC - Iron Bridge Trinity Manitoulin UC - Mindemoya**

## 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.



## Sunday School During March



**WHERE:** St. Andrew's United Church Club Room

**WHO:** We welcome young folk who are in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6.

The classes will be run by volunteers from St. Andrew's,

**WHEN:** Each Sunday in Lent at 10:30 am.

***WHERE CHILDREN COME TOGETHER TO HAVE FUN  
WHILE EXPLORING GOD!***

### St. Andrew's Building Use Schedule Mar. 08—March 16, 2025

Mar. 8th - 4-6 pm CHOIR in Sanctuary	& 7- 9pm Support Grp - Rm #6
Mar. 9th - 9:30am Support Grp Rm #6	& 10:30 am - Sunday Service—Sanctuary
Mar. 10th - 2-4 pm Bible Study - Parlour & 7– 9pm Support Group - Room # 6	& 5:30 pm Choral Society - GYM
Mar. 11th - 4-8pm - 2 x Groups of Special Olympics - GYM	
Mar. 12th - 12 pm - Parlour— <i>Devine Poetry</i> - Bring & Share Your Lenten Poem & 5:30 - 9:30 pm Baytones - GYM	& 7-9 pm Support Group - Rm #6
Mar. 13th - 8:30-10:30am - FOOD BANK in Gym & 4 - 6 pm Special Olympics in Gym	& Loaves & Fishes Connections - Rm # 6 & 7-9 pm Support Group - #6
Mar. 14th - NO BOOKINGS	
Mar. 15th - 5:30 pm - Inclusivity Potluck - Clubroom & 7-9 pm Support Group - #6	& 4-6 pm CHOIR in Sanctuary
Mar. 16th - 9:30am Support Grp Rm #6 11:30 am - P.I.E. Day Refreshments	& 10:30 am - Sunday Service—Sanctuary

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS (Mondays CLOSED)

**Regular Hours:** Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:30am-2:30pm,  
Thursdays 12:30-4:30pm, Friday 10:30am-1:30pm

**Pastoral Care** For pastoral care emergencies, please call 705-472-7680 and leave a detailed message, or email: [standrewschurch@cogeco.net](mailto:standrewschurch@cogeco.net) and your message will be forwarded to the Minister.

**Minister's Office Hours** If you wish to call or email to set up a meeting with the Minister, Caitlin Smithers please call 705-472-7680; or email [csmithers\\_standrews@cogeco.net](mailto:csmithers_standrews@cogeco.net). Drop in hours are Wednesdays 10 am to 12 pm. Please ring the bell at the McIntyre Street Door.





*Karen Gooch*

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held in the Sanctuary after worship last Sunday (March 2nd). The **Financial Report for 2024** was accepted as well as the proposed **Budget for 2025**. These documents can be found in the Annual Report posted on the [St. Andrew's website](#). The **slate of elected officers** was also accepted, with three changes from 2024. Council Secretary **Karen Gooch** has agreed to be the **Acting Treasurer** during the search for a

permanent Treasurer Thanks, Karen!) , **Bill Downey** will be a **Member-at-Large**, and **Tom Arens** and **Patricia Kirton-Bailey** will be new Trustees. **Garth Goodhew** is our newly-retired Church Trustee and we thank him for his service as a Trustee during the past few years. His wisdom and unwavering sense of humour have provided an uplifting source of strength for us all! (note: full details on the St. Andrew's Council can also be found in the [Church Constitution Document](#) found on the Church site.)

### SLATE OF ELECTED OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES FOR 2025-2026

#### Executive Officers

Chair	Doug McCausland
Vice Chair	Bill Ingwersen
Vice Chair	Lorie Fairburn
Secretary	Karen Gooch
Treasurer (Acting)	Karen Gooch
Minister	Caitlin Smithers
Supervisor	Kathie Smith

#### Liaisons

Administration	Derek Stott
Finance	Lorie Fairburn
Facility	Stephen Park
Living Mission	Derek Stott
Spiritual Life	Elizabeth Brownlee

#### Members-at-Large

Marg Fleming	Bill Downey
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#### M & P Committee

Bill Holmes

#### CSRC Representatives.

Karen Gooch	Kim Delarosbel
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#### Trustees

Ed Mounce.	John Wallace
Tom Arens	Patricia Kirton-Bailey
Kathie Smith (Ex Officio)	



*Reid Milne*

## THANK YOU REID!

At the Annual Meeting we said "Thank You" to **Reid Milne** who has been the lead for the **Property Committee** for many years. Reid was the Chair of the Committee during the Belfry Demolition project and the "Great Flood" clean-up of January 2022. We have appreciated Reid's energy and commitment and say a sincere "Well Done!!" We also appreciate Reid's willingness to continue being part of the Property Committee.

**Jean Jamieson** is the new Property Chair and she is looking forward to the challenges that come with taking care of our aging building. We also thank Jean for guiding the work on the Chapel and Parlour renovations.



*Doug McCausland & Jean Jamieson*



## PIE DAY – AND A RAINBOW POTLUCK !

This month has a date that is significant to us, as an affirming congregation in the *United Church of Canada*. **Pi Day** occurs during the 3rd month of the year (that’s March) on the 14th day. The closest Sunday to *Pi Day* this year is **March 16th**, and so that day — along with many other affirming congregations — we will be celebrating **PIE** and what it means. This not very subtle pun is an acronym to recognize that we are called to be **Public, Intentional, and Explicit** about our welcome to and support for, 2SLGBTQ+ people.

On **Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** (gathering at 5:30 pm and eating at 6 pm), we will have a **Rainbow Pot Luck**. It is one intentional way that we make that welcome explicit to the wider community. Bring your favourite dish and a pie ... but it is OK if you do not bring a pie. It is entirely possible many of us will bake a pie at the potluck! Allies are welcome. It’s handy, but not compulsory, for you to bring your own plate and cutlery. Thanks!



(photo l-r) Wanda Wallace, Jennifer Barnett, Caitlin Smithers, Garth Goodhew, Jeff Goodhew (Garth’s son)



The Coronation Medal



Garth Goodhew and MP Anthony Rota

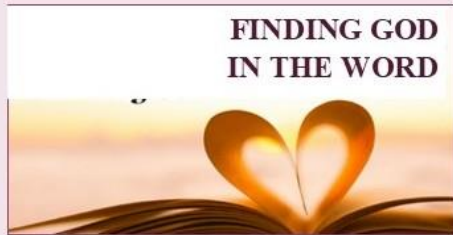
### Garth Goodhew Receives King Charles III’s Coronation Medal

On the morning of Thursday, March 6th, Garth Goodhew was presented with a King Charles III’s Coronation Medal in a ceremony at the North Bay Museum. Handed out by local MP, Anthony Rota, this medal commemorates the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III as King of Canada, and is awarded to people who have contributed significantly as public servants to their communities. The following description outlines Garth’s dedication to making a positive difference in everyone’s lives:

*Garth has made donations to the local hospital for 21 years, helping to purchase medical equipment. Garth served as Vice Principal at Widdifield Secondary School, helped open West Ferris Secondary School in 1971 and served as its Principal until retirement.*

Congratulations, Garth on receiving this prestigious honour - St. Andrew’s is proud to have you as a guiding and inspirational member of our faith family!

*photos courtesy of John Wallace, Caitlin Smithers; with text from baytoday.ca*



## Divine Poetry - Finding God in the Word

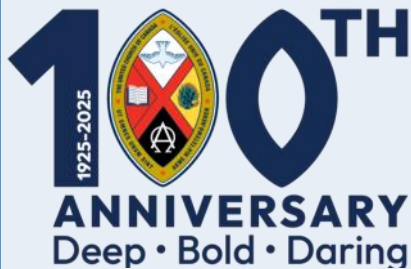
facilitated by Caitlin Smithers  
and Tim Robertson

Join us every Wednesday noon during the Season of Lent for an exploration of finding God in the words of poetic expression. (*Lectio Divina*)

- We will meet in the **Lois E. Carey Parlour**
- Plan to **arrive at Noon** at which time there will be a **short worship service**
- Following worship, **poems will be shared** (they don't have to be original!)
- **Bring a bag lunch**—Tea & Coffee will be provided

**BRING AND SHARE YOUR POEM THAT REFLECTS THE SEASON OF LENT**

**Wednesdays: March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, 9th, and 16th**



**June 10, 2025**, marks the United Church's 100th anniversary, an opportunity to honour our past and look to the future!

Many activities are being planned in North Bay & Area during 2025 to celebrate our Anniversary. Information on upcoming events can be found in this **Together** Newsletter and the [United Churches of North Bay & Area Facebook](#) page.

### ***A Centenary Message from Rev. Ted Harrison on behalf of the 2025 Centenary Liturgy Team.***

We are planning a shared worship service at **11:00 am on Sunday June the 8, 2025** at the **Callander Community Centre** (1984 Swale Street, Callander). This Community Centre easily fits over 300 people.

There is a group of "**Party Planners**" making numerous plans for the rest of the United Church Centenary weekend, including a Friday night children's drama, a stained glass tour, a Saturday Wings-and-Hymns night, and other surprises. Your primary "Party Planner" contact is Rev. Lillian Roberts ([lillianrobertsucc@gmail.com](mailto:lillianrobertsucc@gmail.com))

Her committee will be sharing their plans with you as they solidify. At the special

worship service on June 8<sup>th</sup>, we hope to use various **historic communion trays** (with communion glasses) to share communion in a way that celebrates the role of the sacrament since our earliest days as a denomination. We would welcome the presence of some historic Lord's Supper "holy hardware" from your church community. We'd also welcome a server or two who would be willing to bring and act as a steward for your *clearly labelled communion ware*. This would entail church members who are comfortable manipulating and delivering the considerable weight of said trays. I would treasure hearing names and contact information for your *server representatives*.



Loaves & Fishes  
Community  
Food Bank

# News



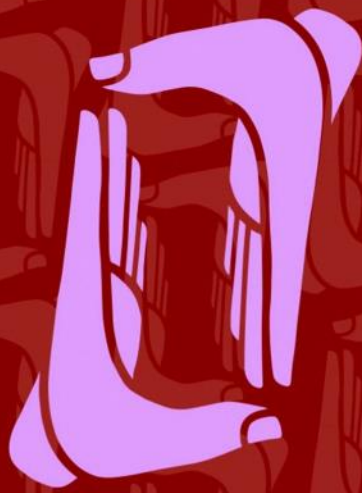
We applaud the volunteers that do not mind washing and drying dishes. At Loaves & Fishes we are working hard to be more mindful of the environment.



A busy Food Bank on Thursday as many clients braved the weather. Our clients are so very grateful for the groceries we provide and coffee and goodies served at The Café.

**For more information or to volunteer at the Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank or the Upstairs Café contact Lorie Fairburn, Food Bank Manager.**

**E: [loavesandfishes@standrews-northbay.ca](mailto:loavesandfishes@standrews-northbay.ca) or Tel: 705-472-7680 to leave a message**



# everything [in] between

Meeting God **in** the midst of extremes

## The Season of Lent at St. Andrew's United

**Throughout Lent** this year we will be reflecting on how we can meet God in the in the in between spaces, as we collaborate and build bridges together, filled with compassion and kindness, in the midst of all we encounter in our daily lives.

One of the Creative Partners for this theme by Sanctified Art writes, "So much of the beauty of the world comes from the in-between spaces. In the space between night and day, as the sun and atmosphere collide into a dazzling display of color... and yet, we feel the compulsion to exist in categories.

We construct boxes around 'sacred' and 'secular,' 'woman' and 'man,' 'left' and 'right,' compressing the complexity and beauty of the whole spectrum of being into just two words. What a gift it is to set the boxes aside and follow the example of our Creator who created night and day and everything in between; land and water and everything in between; you and me and everything in between. The Alpha and the Omega is surely with us in the space in between."

Rev. Anna Strickland, Creative Partner & Operations Support

## Important Lenten Dates - 2025

**Shrove Tuesday- March 4th** - Pancake Supper hosted by the Trinity AOTS group

**Ash Wednesday - March 5th** - Service at 12 noon in the St. Andrew's Sanctuary

**Lenten Sundays - March 9th, 16th, 23rd, [March 30th at Trinity United], April 6th**

### HOLY WEEK

**Palm (Passion) Sunday - April 13th**

**Maundy Thursday - April 17th** - Pot Luck supper and Communion Service at St. Andrew's

**Good Friday Service - April 18th** - Service at Trinity United

### EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20TH

**Outdoor Sunrise Service - corner Ferguson & Worthington**

**Easter Morning Worship (10:30 am) at St. Andrew's**

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**Divine Poetry - Finding God in the Word**

**At noon - each Wednesday during Lent—details elsewhere in this newsletter**