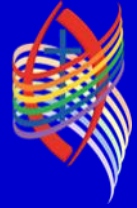




TOGETHER

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



Sunday, April 13, 2025

Morning Worship at 10:30 am - Minister: Caitlin Smithers

THIS SUNDAY — APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY



Through a service of scriptures, stories and music, we will begin the service in celebration, waving palms and cheering hosanna. Then we will see, as the service goes on, how the events that bring us towards Easter unfold.

We will travel the last days of Jesus life, along with the disciples once again and listen for what the sacred stories speak into our lives still today."

NEXT SUNDAY — APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY

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.

Please join us on Easter morning, as we rejoice in the Risen Christ through scripture and song.



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:

Carol Sawyer

Micheline Fleming Dunn Rob Fleming Marg Fleming
Ken Dech Katie Davis James Butcher Joanne Dufresne
Gary Jones Don Vaillancourt Don Yackobeck

Sister United Churches: Timmins: Covenant, Kirkland Lake: Trinity

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 April

- WHERE:** St. Andrew's United Church Sunday School Room behind Gym
- 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:** The first 3 Sundays in April at 10:30 am

WHERE CHILDREN COME TOGETHER TO HAVE FUN WHILE EXPLORING GOD!

St. Andrew's Building Use Schedule April 11—20, 2025

Flooring in Parlour

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|---|---|
| Apr. 11th - 5-8 pm Transition Town Potluck - Gym | & 6:30 - Search Committee—Chapel |
| Apr. 12th - 12-5 pm - J. Boston - 90th Birthday Party—Gym
& 4-6 pm—Choir Practice—Sanctuary | & 7-9 pm Support Group - #6 |
| Apr. 13th - 9:30 - 10:30 am - Support Grp - Rm #6
& 1 - 4 pm—The Redeemed Christian Church of God (rccg) - Clubroom WEEKLY
& 5-9 pm - Bridal Shower—Gym | & 10:30 am - PALM SUNDAY in Sanctuary |
| Apr. 14th - **2-4 pm Bible Study - [Sanctuary]
& 7-9 pm Support Group - Room # 6 | & 5:30 pm Choral Society - GYM |
| Apr. 15th - 4-8pm - Special Olympics x 2 - GYM | |
| Apr. 16th - ***12 pm - [Sanctuary]—Devine Poetry - Bring & Share Your Lenten Poem (Last)
& 5:30 - 9:30 pm Baytones - GYM | & 7-9 pm Support Group - Rm #6 |
| Apr. 17th - 8:30-10:30am - FOOD BANK in Gym
& 5-9 pm Maundy Thursday Potluck - Gym | & Loaves & Fishes Connections - Rm # 6
& 7-9 pm Support Group - #6 |
| Apr. 18th - GOOD FRIDAY - TRINITY—8 am BREAKFAST | & 10:30 am WORSHIP |
| Apr. 19th - 4-6 pm CHOIR in Sanctuary | & 7-9 pm Support Group - #6 |
| Apr. 20th - 9:30 - 10:30 am - Support Grp - Rm #6
& 1 - 4 pm—The RCCG - Clubroom | & 10:30 am - EASTER SUNDAY in 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 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. Drop in hours are Wednesdays 10 am to 12 pm. Please ring the bell at the McIntyre Street Door.

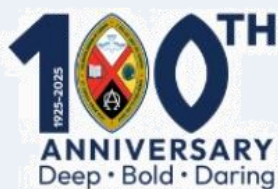
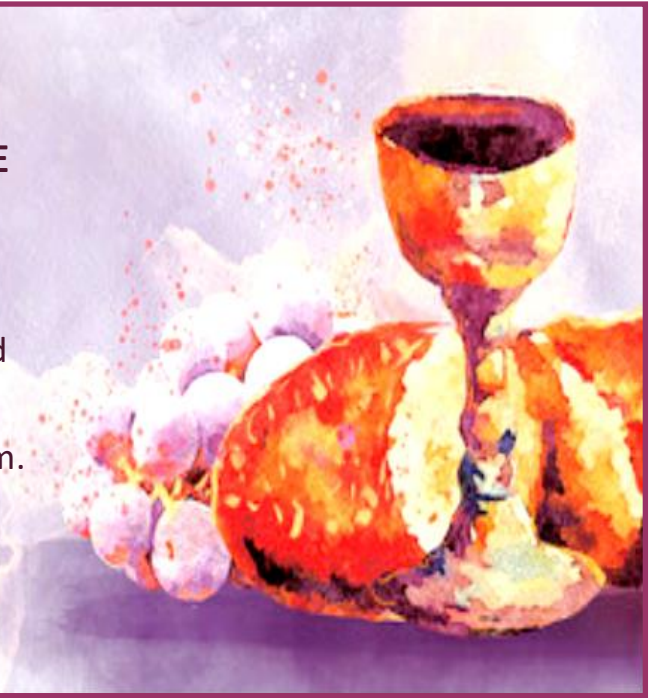


**YOU ARE INVITED TO A
MAUNDY THURSDAY
POTLUCK & TABLE COMMUNION SERVICE
HOSTED BY ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**

Please join us for a **Maundy Thursday Potluck** on **Thursday, April 17, 2025**, in the St. Andrew's United Church gym (please use the McIntyre St. entrance).

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.



UNITED CHURCHES OF NORTH BAY

Click on the [facebook](#) symbol to the right to view/follow this [facebook page](#) featuring United Churches in our area and includes news about the upcoming 100th Anniversary events!



Easter
Memorial
Flowers

There is a tradition at St. Andrew's to place spring flowers in the sanctuary in memory of special people, or in celebration of significant life events. A list of those remembered and celebrations will be included as an insert in the Easter bulletin. Following Easter Sunday service, people are invited to take a plant home, or to take it to a shut-in or someone who needs to know they are being thought of.

If you wish to contribute, a donation of \$20 is suggested to help cover the cost of the potted flowers. Any donations received over and above the cost of the plants will be put towards the Memorial Fund and the projects it supports.

Order forms will be with the March 23rd, April 6th, and 13th, in-person bulletins. Or you can email the church office at standrewschurch@cogeco.net , the following information:

Name of Donor: In Memory of OR In Celebration of names: Donation you plan to make (send a cheque made out to the St. Andrew's Memorial Fund; or do an e-transfer noting it is for memorial flowers donatetostandrews@cogeco.net ; or drop it off at the church office (Tuesday to Friday).

*Thank you for remembering friends and family members
in this special way at Easter
~The Memorial Committee~*

FINDING GOD
IN THE WORD



Divine Poetry - Finding God in the Word

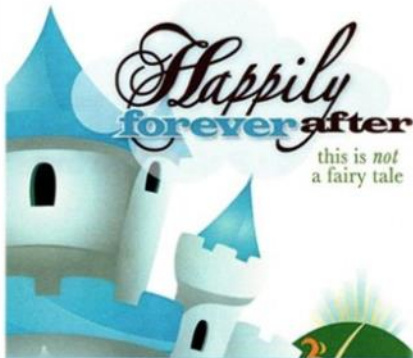
facilitated by Caitlin Smithers
and Tim Robertson

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



*Happily
forever after*
this is *not*
a fairy tale

Friday, June 6, 2025, 7:00 pm
Saturday, June 7, 2025, 2:00 pm

Mustard Seed Productions
Trinity United Church

111 McIntyre Street East, North Bay

A Musical for Kids about the Kingdom of God with Knights, Princesses and maybe even a Dragon! Join us on an amazing quest in a faraway land that is sure to end Happily Forever After!

Tickets: \$10 Adults

\$5 Children (12 and under)

Available through the Centennial Box Office or at the door.

For more information contact Lisa Blais at blais.trinity@gmail.com

Mustard Seed Productions

Mustard Seed was created in 2007 to provide opportunities for children and youth to build community around a common love of theatre. Including youth as part of the Centennial celebrations is an intentional celebration of our future.

Centennial Box Office

email: northbayucc100@gmail.com

Trinity United Church

111 McIntyre Street East, North Bay

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 am - noon, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
705-474-3310 • Cash Only



Stained Glass Tour

Saturday, June 7, 2025
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Emmanuel United Church

395 Lakeshore Drive, North Bay

For centuries stained glass windows have told the stories of the Christian faith. Before there was a printed Bible, or literacy was common, windows were the storytellers that captured the beauty of the faith. We are delighted to offer this opportunity hosted by David Morgan, the designer and fabricator of many stained glass windows in Northern Ontario, including those on this tour! The tour begins with the windows at Emmanuel, and go on to explore stained glass at Trinity, St. Andrew's and concluding at The ProCathedral.

Continental breakfast 8:00 am.

Freewill offering.

Parking available in the Emmanuel parking lot or across the street at the Mall.

Tour Transportation

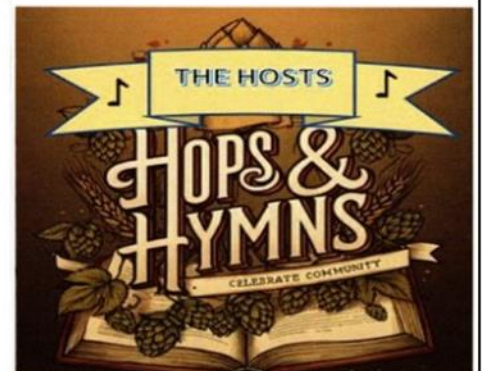
Take the Bus or Drive Yourself

A accessible city bus will be available. There is both seating and standing capacity. A tour outline will be available for those who prefer to drive themselves.

Tickets: \$10

Available through the Centennial Box Office

Advance Tickets only



Saturday, June 7, 2025

Doors Open: 6:00 pm

Music Starts: 6:30 pm

Music by The Hosts

Moose's Cookhouse

134 Main Street, North Bay

Do you love ... Music? Food? Singing Hymns? Dancing? Laughing with friends?

Then mark your calendar with this event.

The Hosts, a group of talented, local musicians will entertain with all styles of music and invite us into singing along to favourite hymns. You can order from the menu, and enjoy food and music all evening long.

As there is limited seating, this is a ticketed event.

Tickets: \$10

Available through the Centennial Box Office



It is better to think of church in the ale house than to think of the ale house in church.

— Martin Luther

LORIE FAIRBURN RECEIVES THE “CERTIFICATE OF KINDNESS” AWARD

Lorie Fairburn was recently awarded the *CFCH 90.5 Certificate of Kindness* (along with wonderful swag and beautiful flowers!) She was nominated by our Minister, Caitlin Smithers. The wording on the certificate (which was presented by Kevin O. of CFCH radio) reads:

“Lorie Fairburn is a dedicated and passionate leader who goes above and beyond for her community. As the Manager of the St. Andrew’s Food Bank, she has strengthened the sense of solidarity and support, Always ready to help, she volunteers, advocates and connects with others, making North Bay a better place. Beyond St. Andrew’s, she supports The Gathering Place, the Farmers’ Market, and local initiatives, embodying the spirit of community. North Bay is lucky to have her!”



DECLARE FOR ALL THE WORLD!

When someone says “I am part of an affirming ministry” it says a lot about themselves and their community of faith. It says that you are someone who values everyone for who they are. It says that this community of faith is a place where all can truly share who they are, knowing that they are doing it in a safe place.

The importance of affirming ministries is now more important than ever. Our world is filled with fear and negativity and it is in the safety of affirming ministries that we can go out into the world and face that fear and work to transform the negative into a positive. I thank God every day for all those ministries who have said yes to making affirming a part of who they are, you make a difference everyday.



RUTH (Affirming United)

HOPE RESOLVE DEFIANCE COURAGE PERSISTS

Nonviolent strategies for 2SLGBTQIA+ rights

This practical 4-week series will boost your courage to persist! In each action, conversation, sign, and encounter, our movement can conduct itself in ways that dispel misperceptions, counter misinformation, and show the beauty and power of 2SLGBTQIA+ celebration.

Facilitated by activist and trainer Rivera Sun

April 22 & 29 5pm-6:30pm PT
May 6 & 13 6pm-7:30pm MT
8pm-9:30pm ET Online

affirmingconnections.com

scan to register

Logos for affirming connections, McKillop United Church, Pacific Alliance, and another organization.

TRANSITION TOWN NORTH BAY - POT LUCK SUPPER

Transition Towns are community-led initiatives that aim to increase local resilience and reduce dependence on fossil fuels by promoting sustainability, local economies, and strong community connections, often in response to climate change and peak oil concerns. [Read more here...](#)

The *Outreach Committee* of St. Andrew’s has supported **Transition Town North Bay** as being one way that we can be faithful to our United Church “New Creed” which invites us to “live with respect in creation”

Lift Your Spirits by Gathering in Community

**Transition Town North Bay
Reunion Potluck...All Welcome!**

St. Andrew’s United Church (McIntyre entrance)

Friday April 11th, 5:30pm



While most of us are doers & shakers, this gathering is meant to be a hopeful & uplifting social gathering...Not a pressure to mobilize. Season your potluck contribution with hope, and enjoy catching up with community members you haven’t seen in awhile & meeting new ones!



**Loaves & Fishes
Community
Food Bank**

News

Jesse is looking for work and needs a cell phone.



Jesse considers himself lucky because he lives in affordable housing and receives ODSP (Ontario Disability Support Program). Most of his possessions are at the Pawn Shop and he is hoping to soon have money to buy them back.

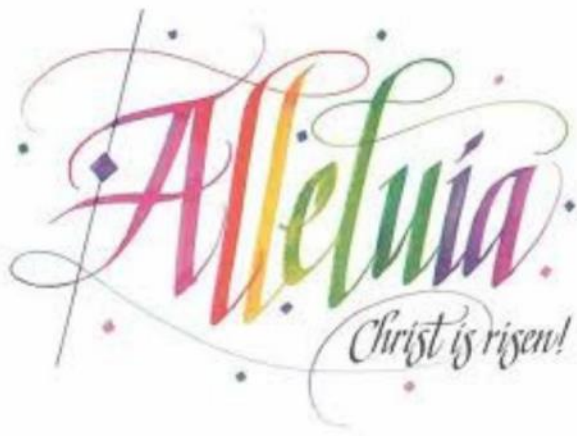
In order to find work he urgently needs a cell phone.

Jesse would be happy to get a used cell phone or \$150 that he could purchase a new phone. Please consider donating one of your old cell phones or donating some money towards the purchase of a new phone.

You Make a Difference!

Thank you for all the donations of groceries and chocolate eggs!

The Food Bank Clients are very grateful for the extra groceries and goodies they received for Easter.



**Happy Easter from all of us at
Loaves & Fishes Community
Food Bank!**

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



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

Divine Poetry - Finding God in the Word

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

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Sponsored by Trinity A.O.T.S.

April 18th ~ 8 a.m.

Trinity United Church
(McIntyre at Ferguson)

Guest Speaker

Pastor Caitlin Smithers
From St. Andrew's U.C.

Breakfast: \$15

(eggs, bacon, home fries, toast & juice)

Tickets: contact the church ofc. at
705 474-3310 and pay by
e transfer, cheque or cash
or Maurice (cash) 705 495-1090

Please R.S.V.P. by April 11th

Catered breakfast, so tickets
must be paid in advance

Everyone is welcome!

Lorie Fairburn has tickets for purchase \$15.00 (cash only) for the Good Friday breakfast (Bacon, eggs, home fries, toast, coffee, tea & juice), hosted by AOTS Trinity UC with guest speaker Caitlin Smithers.

GOOD FRIDAY CONTEMPORARY TENEBRAE SERVICE 'CANTATA'

'Hope in the Shadows'

Composed & Arranged by Joel Raney & Lloyd Larson

April 18th ~ 10:30 a.m.

Trinity United Church

(McIntyre at Ferguson)

Featuring:

- choristers from 8 area churches
- an instrument ensemble

Everyone is welcome!