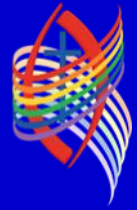




TOGETHER

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



Sunday, May 11, 2025

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

THIS SUNDAY — May 11, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



In our sacred stories, we hear people of faith asking questions, wrestling, and trying to

understand who Jesus is, and whether to follow him. And we hear about God searching for us, hoping to build relationships with us through Jesus.

The illustration of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, in our sacred stories, reminds us that God's love is for all of us, all the time, and reassures us that God continues to seek us, always.

NEXT SUNDAY — MAY 18, 2025

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

Our sacred stories often share with us a message of Love for all. This week our message of Love is anchored in the Love that God first shows us.

A love that shows up in creation, in the new and growing things around us: Baby birds in their nests, buds on plants and trees, and flowers in bloom.

These things teach us about resurrection and love, and show us the gift of New Life.



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 Ramona Waye Bob Wood and family Carol Sawyer

Micheline Fleming Dunn Rob Fleming Marg Fleming

Ken Dech Katie Davis Marie Lacombe and family

Gary Jones Don Vaillancourt Don Yackobeck

Sister United Churches: Bruce Mines, Val D'Or: Golden Valley..

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.



St. Andrew's Building Use Schedule May 9 — May 18, 2025

- May 9th - 11 am - 2 pm - (Lunch 12 - 1) City BBQ in GYM - (**Tentative if Inclement Weather**)
- May 10th - 9 am - 6pm— 90th Birthday for G. Goodhew (9-12 setup, 12-5 Event, 5-6 cleanup)
& 4 - 6 pm CHOIR Practice - Sanctuary & 7-9 pm Support Group - Rm #6
- May 11th - 9:30 - 10:30 am - Support Grp - Rm #6 & 10:30 am - Sunday Worship in Sanctuary
& 1 - 4 pm—The RCCG - Clubroom
- May 12th - **2-4 pm Bible Study - [Sanctuary] & Choral Society - OFF FOR SUMMER
& 7- 9pm Support Group - Room # 6
- May 13th - 4-8pm - Special Olympics x 2 - OFF FOR SUMMER
- May 14th - (New) 12:30-2:30 pm Support Grp - Rm #6 & 5:30 - 9:30 pm Baytones - Gym
& 7-9 pm Support Group - Rm #6
- May 15th - 8:30-10:30am - FOOD BANK in Gym & Loaves & Fishes Connections - Rm # 6
& 7-9 pm Support Group - #6
- May 16th - (New) 6-8 pm Ukranian World Embroidery Day - Clubroom
Starting next Friday, May 23rd come out for Dancing 1:30-3:00 pm—Everyone Welcome!
- May 17th - & 4 - 6 pm CHOIR Practice - Sanctuary & 7-9 pm Support Group - Rm #6
- May 18th - 9:30 - 10:30 am - Support Grp - Rm #6 & 10:30 am - Sunday Worship in Sanctuary
& 1 - 4 pm—The RCCG - Clubroom



Minister's Office Hours

Minister: Caitlin Smithers
Caitlin's weekly office hours are **9 am to 3 pm**
Wednesday and Thursday.

If you wish to call or email to set up a meeting with Caitlin, please call her work phone **705-498-5943**, email : csmithers_standrews@cogeco.net, or call the Church Office (**705 472-7680**).

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.





Photo above (l-r): Tim Robertson, Karen Gooch and Judy Borden of the Search Committee (photo left) Caitlin Smithers

Special Congregational Meeting Report—May 4, 2025 Motion for Provisional Call Approved!

At the Special Meeting held Last Sunday, Search Committee members Karen Gooch and Judy Borden moved **that the Congregation of St. Andrew's United Church approve the recommendation of the Search Committee that Caitlin Smithers be provisionally called to St. Andrew's United, North Bay ON effective July 1st, 2025.** The motion and the terms of employment were unanimously accepted by the St. Andrew's congregation.

Caitlin will be ordained at the FESTIVAL OF FAITH during a *Celebration of Ministry* service that will be held in **Bell Park (Sudbury) at 10:30 am on Sunday, June 15th.**

More details about this special ordination service will be shared at a later date. There are plans to stream this service online for those unable to attend in person.



Festival of Faith 2025

God Never Sleeps



MAY 5th - RED DRESS DAY

Several St. Andrew's members attended the Red Dress ceremonies at the waterfront last Monday. This is a day to remember and honour missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples (MMIWG2S+).

— Photos: Donna Landry





How do you celebrate being 100?
Mark your calendars for the

UCC Centenary Celebrations on June 6-8, 2025

Joint Sunday Worship with mass choir on Sunday, June 8, 2025

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

Stained Glass Tour

Saturday, June 7, 2025
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Emmanuel United Church
395 Lakeshore Drive, North Bay

**THE HOSTS
HOPS & HYMNS**
CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

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

TICKETS FOR THREE EVENTS LISTED ABOVE AVAILABLE FROM DONNA LANDRY

or at the **CENTENNIAL BOX OFFICE** Trinity United Church (111 McIntyre St. East) Phone: 705-474-3310
Box Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am til noon, 6 - 7:30 pm e-mail: northbayucc100@gmail.com
(Note: *Stained Glass Tour & Hops and Hymns* are limited seating—get your tickets soon!)

Social Dancing



Fridays 1:30 - 3pm
starting May 23, 2025

St. Andrew's Church
399 Cassells St., North Bay
with

Rick and Wynne Blair
705-471-6707

Bill and Judith Ingwersen
705-474-1935

optional lesson given at 1:15pm

Come and join us for exercise, fun and community!

All are welcome: couples, singles,
dancers, non-dancers, inclusive



Annual Spring Garden Clean Up

Sunday, May 11th & 18th - 10 am to 2 pm

Entrance by the corner of
McIntyre West and Cormack

Help maintain & care for our beloved community garden!

Please join us at Sweetman's Garden anytime* between 10am & 2 pm

Any help is most appreciated.

Garden trowels & gloves provided.

If you have one, please bring a rake.

Water and snacks will be provided.

More weeding and maintenance days to come!

Thank you!



For more information:

Liz Lott

705-492-8017

Adelaide Saegar

705-476-3696



**Loaves & Fishes
Community
Food Bank**

News



Meet Stevie

Stevie and her best friend Skye began volunteering on October 3, 2024, for the Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank. Stevie says, "I have been clean and sober for 10 months because of the support I get from the other volunteers at the Food Bank."

A Busy Day at Loaves & Fishes & The Café



**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**

2025 Festival of Faith



“God Never Sleeps”

Holiday Inn, Sudbury, Ontario

June 13 - 15, 2025



Keynote Speaker:

John L. Bell, hymn-writer, Church of Scotland minister, and a beloved contributor to Voices United and More Voices



Special Guest:

The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne,
44 Moderator of The United Church of Canada

Registration Deadline: June 6, 2025

Theme Time, Worships, Workshops and The Big Sing

To register **NOW**
and get more information visit:
www.canadianshieldrc.ca
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