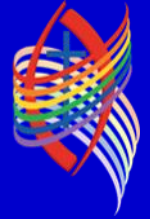




TOGETHER

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



Easter Sunday, April 19, 2026
Minister: Reverend Caitlin Smithers

This Sunday - April 19, 2026 The Third Sunday of Easter The Road to Emmaus

In the last chapter of the Gospel of Luke, two disciples who've been devastated by Jesus's recent death walk sadly to Emmaus. On the way they meet up with a stranger – who walks with them and shares a surprising knowledge of Jesus' life and the depth of the scriptures.

As their short journey ends with a meal together, hope unfolds – and a new awareness changes everything.

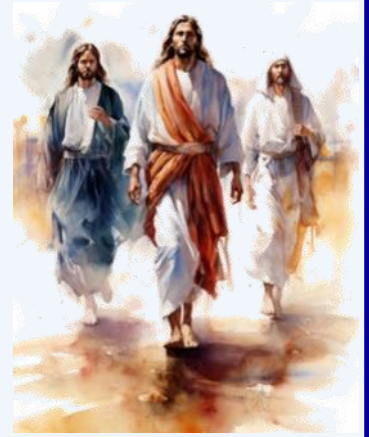


Welcome to an evening meal in a roadside inn where an unexpected ending became a new beginning.

Next Sunday - April 26, 2026 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

In early Biblical days, we hear stories of people caring for one another, sharing what they had, and gathering often, around tables, on the land, and in sacred spaces, with grateful and open hearts. Often their relationships with God grew through their relationships with one another.

They devoted themselves to learning, fellowship, sharing meals, and prayer. Together, they discovered a life shaped by awe, generosity, and deep connection.



Captain Kindness Returns!

On *Holy Humour Sunday* we had a surprise visit from **Captain Kindness** who claimed she gained her inspiration to be a superhero, from her friend *Shad Man*. During her visit on Sunday, Captain Kindness made a quick transformation into our longtime friend **Donna Landry** who said that at St. Andrew's she feels safe enough to laugh with others - and also laugh at herself. "Laughter is part of what makes us community," exclaimed Donna. As she departed, Donna (aka Captain Kindness) had some words to share: **Joy is sacred, Laughter is healing, and kindness is always SUPER!** It is rumoured that someday Captain Kindness will receive the letters "C.K." for her cape, but for now this short and fluffy superhero-in-training is off to let other know that "In a world where you can be anything, be kind!"





New Church Council Holds Their First Meeting

On Wednesday, April 15, the newly-elected St. Andrew's Church Council met under the guidance of Chair Wynne Blair. One of the first items on the agenda was a "Team Building Exercise" in which Council members made a list of characteristics that make for a good

council. Wynne (*photo above*) wrote the answers on a chart - and as can be seen, the exercise was a fruitful one. Members of the congregation are always welcome at our Council meetings and the approved minutes of past meetings are posted on the Church website when they become available: <https://standrews-northbay.ca/st-andrews-church-council/>

SECURITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - between now and the end of June

Between now and the end of June there are several groups using the church outside of office hours. St. Andrew's needs to provide security coverage for events such as *Northland Wrestling* concerts (*Near North Voices* and *North Bay Symphony*) and related rehearsals, and a couple of other groups that are using the church for one-time events of a few hours. Duties would include watching McIntyre entrance, and being an on-site "go to" person for rental groups. If you are interested, or wish more information please let Caitlin know. She can be contacted at:

csmithers_standrews@cogeco.net

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

St. Andrew's member, Mary Marrs, sends these stamps to the *Laurentian Wesleyan Church in North Bay* which in turn sends them to the folks at 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.](#)

- 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

PLEASE GIVE THESE USED STAMPS TO MARY, OR LEAVE THEM IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU!



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.



OUR CHURCH OFFICE

Tuesday & Wednesday: 10:30 am - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 12:30pm - 4:30pm **Friday:** 10:30 am - 2:30 pm



Pastoral Care

For pastoral care emergencies, please call the church office (705) 472-7680 or email: standrewschurch@cogeco.net and your message will be forwarded to the Minister.

Minister's Office Hours



Minister: Reverend 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**, or
- email : csmithers_standrews@cogeco.net,
- or leave a message at the Church Office (**705 472-7680**).

Regular drop-in hours are on **Wednesdays, from 10 am to 12 pm.**
(Please ring the bell at the McIntyre Street door)

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:



Audrey Sullivan & the family of Douglas Boughner

The family of Brian Nelles

Joyce MacQueen Kim Delarosbel Carole Sawyer

Ken Dech Don Vaillancourt Don Yackobeck

ST. ANDREW'S LOAVES & FISHES COMMUNITY FOOD BANK POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Andrew's *Loaves and Fishes Community Food Bank* requires a
FOOD BANK MANAGER

to work with a dedicated group of volunteers to oversee operation of the food bank. This position includes ensuring adequate food inventory, managing volunteers and coordinating with donors and community partners to meet the needs of our clients.



Hours per week: 15 hours

Hourly wage: Ontario Minimum wage plus benefits.

Application Deadline: Extended to 5 p.m., **Thurs., April 30, 2026**

Further information including a **job description** can be viewed by visiting the St. Andrew's homepage:

<https://standrews-northbay.ca>

"HARD COPIES" OF THE INFORMATION PACKAGE CAN ALSO BE PICKED UP FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS



Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath
Moderator of The United Church of Canada

EARTH WEEK 2026

During Earth Week 2026, The United Church of Canada is joining with numerous denominations and faith-based organizations under one banner, [Together for the Love of Creation \(opens in a new tab\)](#).

Communities of faith, networks, and regions are invited to initiate and participate in climate justice events during the week of April 19–26. Together with

fellow members of the [national For the Love of Creation effort \(opens in a new](#)

[tab\)](#), this is a great opportunity to show leadership. It starts with three simple steps.

We **pray** to connect with God and God's Creation. We **learn** about the realities and solutions to climate change. And we **act**— showing leadership for climate justice in our communities, and bringing a clear call for leadership to our Members of Parliament.

[CLICK **HERE** TO VIEW THE MODERATOR'S EARTH WEEK MESSAGE ON YouTube](#)



Earth Week 2026

Together for the **Love** of Creation

LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0

Coming right up! Session 7

"Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians"

... or, as we prefer to call it,

"Christianity: The Final Frontier!"

Are you ready to boldly go where no one has gone before?"

Next Session Monday, April 20, 2026,

2 to 4 pm, in the Parlour

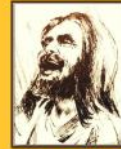
All are welcome at anytime!



NOTE: Each Sunday service is recorded on video and usually posted on the St. Andrew's YouTube channel by noon on Monday. Here is the link to last Sunday's service :

<https://youtu.be/uqV0hagRiUk>

ONLINE WORSHIP



St. Andrew's
United Church
North Bay, Ontario

HOLY HUMOUR SUNDAY
12 April 2026

East Coaster Studios presents award winning bilingual singer-songwriter

Kristen Martell

"A talented and insightful songwriter"
- The Coast

Saturday
April 18th
2026

Opening performance by:
North Country
Towers

North Bay, ON
Trinity United Church
Show 7 P.M.
\$25
Students \$20



ticketscene



WWW.EASTCOASTERSTUDIOS.COM



Peggy Millar - Artistic Director
Sue Nicholson - Accompanist



RAPPORT
SINGERS
NORTH BAY

Here's to SONG!

Sunday, April 19, 2026
1:30 pm

Trinity United Church
corner of McIntyre & Ferguson

Tickets - at the door
\$20 Adults - \$15 Students
12 & under- free



Social Dancing

Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

St. Andrew's Church

399 Cassells Street, North Bay

With

Rick and Wynne Blair

705-495-3019

Bill and Judith Ingwersen

705-474-1935

Optional lesson given at 1:45 pm



Come and join us for exercise, fun and community!

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



13th ANNUAL

TP DRIVE

North Bay

Drop Off Locations:
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

FRESH CO

(Trout Lake Road)
May 2, 2026



(Cassells St)
May 16, 2026

GIANT TIGER
(Lakeshore Ave)
May 30, 2026

GIANT TIGER
(Algonquin Avenue)
May 9, 2026

metro
(Lakeshore Drive)
May 23, 2026

MAY
2026

All Month

During Business Hours:
Davedi Club (Airport Road)
Allison the Bookman (Main St E)

tpnorthbay1@gmail.com

facebook.com/TPNorthbay



Supporting 16 North Bay Food Banks and Pantries including the

Loaves & Fishes



The *Loaves & Fishes* Community Foodbank is one of the 16 North Bay Food Banks and Pantries that are the recipients of the toilet paper that is collected through the *TP North Bay* campaign.

