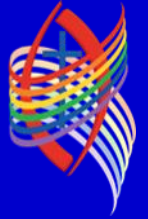




# TOGETHER

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



for Sunday, May 10, 2026  
Minister: Reverend Caitlin Smithers

**.This Sunday - May 10, 2026**

## All Families Sunday

What we once called Christian Family Sunday has grown into All Families Sunday - a celebration that reflects a deeper truth: through faith, we are all one family.

As we gather, we will reflect on the story of this great family of faith. It begins with Abraham and Sarah, continues through Jesus and the witness of the New Testament, and carries on to us today. Generation after generation, this family has grown- becoming as countless as the stars in the sky and the grains of sand in the desert.

Each of us is a part of this ongoing story.



**Next Sunday - May 17, 2026**

## Ascension Sunday

Christ is with us, not just in the past, not only in heaven, but here and now. Jesus is present with us in so many ways, like when we gather in worship, in the bread and the cup, and when we serve and care for those in need.

Jesus shared so many sacred moments with his disciples, then, in a moment both beautiful and mysterious, he blesses them and ascends... yet somehow, Jesus is still with us. His presence has expanded, not diminished. Our relationship with Jesus, just like the first disciples, can transcend time and space.



Each Sunday service is recorded on video and the service is usually posted on the St. Andrew's

[YouTube channel](#) by noon on the following day( Monday). Here is the link to last Sunday's service (03 May) : <https://youtu.be/scDYvYZb4Co>

A link to the weekly video is also posted on the homepage of the St. Andrew's website.

### ONLINE WORSHIP



**St. Andrew's  
United Church  
North Bay, Ontario**

**RED DRESS SUNDAY  
03 May 2026**

## THIRTEEN YEARS!

Since May 5, 2013, St. Andrew's United Church has officially offered an open and public welcome to gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgendered people. Thirteen years ago, our congregation voted by a large majority to become an Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada. In doing so, we joined over 200 other Affirming Congregations of The United Church in Canada.



### **Spring Garden Cleanup**

**Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> & Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3 pm**

Entrance by the corner of  
McIntyre West and Cormack

*Help maintain & care for our beloved community garden!*



Join us anytime between 1 and 3 pm.  
Any help is most appreciated.  
\*Please bring a rake if you have one.

### **Thank you!**

\* Stay tuned for more maintenance days to come

Meet your neighbours 😊



For more information:  
Liz Lott  
705-492-8017  
Adelaide Saegar  
705-476-3696

## 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!





## THANK YOU!

On Thursday, April 30, the Volunteers who are involved with the *Food Bank* and the *Café* were treated to a luncheon as a way to say “Thanks!” for all the work that they do to make those out-reach services happen. Each volunteer was presented with a *Certificate of Appreciation*.



**A sincere “THANK YOU!” to all the volunteers that help make *Loaves & Fishes Food Bank* and The *Café* operate so efficiently.**



## TEMPORARY OFFICE PERSON NEEDED !

From May 12th until the end of June, our Office Administrator will be away from the office as she recovers from surgery. We need a person to be in the church office during this time period.

**DATES:** May 12th until June 31st (approx.)

**WEEKLY HOURS:** 18 hours per week (Tuesday through Friday)

**DUTIES:** to include managing daily office operations, communication include answering phones, managing rental requests, and handling written and electronic correspondence. Familiarity with Microsoft WORD would be an asset.

**HOURLY WAGE:** to be negotiated.

ANYONE interested is asked to contact the Church Secretary, Karen Gooch by e-mail at: [councilsecretary\\_standrews@cogeco.net](mailto:councilsecretary_standrews@cogeco.net) as soon as possible.

## 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](mailto:csmithers_standrews@cogeco.net)

## United Church Communities!

Are you ready to mobilize for justice?

The **Moose Hide Campaign Day** (May 14) is approaching. While national events are happening in Toronto (Queen's Park) and Victoria, there is power in local action.

You can become a community steward and organize a walk in your own neighborhood or at your church. It is a simple, powerful way to say "racism and violence have no place here."

See the [map of local marches or sign up to host your own](#).

Register for the [virtual educational plenary](#).

## MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY IN CEREMONY ♦ MAY 14, 2026



REGISTER AT:

[MOOSEHIDECAMPAIGN.CA](http://MOOSEHIDECAMPAIGN.CA)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE  
MOOSEHIDE CAMPAIGN DAY](#)

## 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](mailto: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:

**Judy Campbell      Mary Marrs**

**Joyce MacQueen      Kim Delarosbel**

**Carole Sawyer   Ken Dech   Don Vaillancourt**



# HANNAH & NATHAN



## “LOVE AND LABOUR” ALBUM RELEASE SHOW

FRI MAY 22 | 7:30 PM

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH  
111 McIntyre St E, North Bay, ON

\$25 ADVANCE

“Two of the finest acoustic musicians on  
the scene. Truly worth a listen.”  
— James Keelaghan

\$30 DOOR



www.hannahandnathanmusic.com

Presented in collaboration with Trinity Arts



On “Red Dress Sunday” (May 3rd) Rev. Caitlin chose to wear a special stole in honour of the **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW)**. Kim Delarobel (right) was wearing her ribbon dress, a gift of a friend from the *Shawanaga First Nation* located northwest of Parry Sound, Ontario.



## A New United Church Global Partner in South Korea: Q&A is cultivating a queer-ally community for LGBTQIA+ Christians facing discrimination

The United Church of Canada has entered into a [new global partnership with Q&A \(Queer Question for Korean Churches\)](#), a grassroots Christian organization in South Korea working to create safer, more inclusive spaces for LGBTQIA+ Christians who often face discrimination within church communities.

Through counselling, ally training, and educational programs, **Q&A** supports individuals in reconnecting faith and identity while equipping churches to become more welcoming. This partnership reflects The United Church of Canada’s commitment to justice, inclusion, and faithful accompaniment. [Read the full news story](#) to learn more about this growing movement.







# 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**

## TP - NORTH BAY



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. However, for the next 4 weeks or so,

until the rolls from the city-wide drive are distributed, the *Loaves & Fishes Food Bank* desperately needs donations of toilet paper for their clients.

Donations of any amounts are welcome - at Church on Sunday, or through the week at the Church Office. (see Office Hours on Page 5).



All rolls that are donated to the *Loaves & Fishes Foodbank* in the month of May will be added to the TP - North Bay city-wide campaign total!