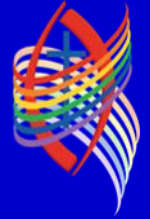




# TOGETHER

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



for Sunday, June 7, 2026  
Minister: Reverend Caitlin Smithers

## This Sunday - June 14, 2026 Second Sunday after Pentecost "Marking the Way: Milestones"



Life is full of milestones — moments that shape our journey, define our purpose, and point us toward what comes next. Let's join together to celebrate a year

since Rev. Caitlin's ordination and reflect on the milestones that have shaped our shared journey of faith.

In many of our gospel stories, Jesus calls everyday people into extraordinary ministry, inspiring us to not only follow him, but to serve like him. We'll reflect on how God continues to lead us forward with courage, compassion, faith, and perseverance.

## Next Sunday - June 21, 2026 Third Sunday after Pentecost Indigenous Peoples Day

Today we celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day, and we once again welcome Mary Laronde as she shares some examples of giving back. At the heart of many Indigenous worldviews is the understanding that relationship and reciprocity are inseparable. The Land is not simply a resource, but a living gift that sustains and nurtures all life, including the languages, cultures, wisdom, and dreams that shape communities. May we be inspired to live generously, nurture right relationships, and share our gifts for the good of all Creation.



THE ORDINATION OF  
**CAITLIN SMITHERS**  
of  
St. Andrew's  
United Church  
North Bay, Ontario  
June 15, 2024



## Rev. Caitlin's First ORDIVERSARY !

On June 15, 2025, Caitlin Smithers was ordained as a Minister in the United Church of Canada. As we celebrate this milestone with her, the St. Andrew's Faith Family asks for God's blessing upon Rev. Caitlin, that she may have many more *Ordiversaries* as she continues to share the good news of Christ in her ministry. To watch a short video of her ordination, click on the link provided (see left - it may take a few seconds to load!)

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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).

## ONLINE WORSHIP



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

**SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
07 June 2026**

Here is the link to last Sunday's service (June 7) :

<https://youtu.be/IOFxUXVaReY>

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



Website: <http://www.baytonesharmonychorus.ca/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/baytonesNorthBay/>

*The Baytones Harmony Chorus  
invites you to join us  
August 5-Sept 9 for a  
Summer Sing!*

- Come and learn the basics of Acapella singing
- Learn a song over 6 weeks then join us on stage for our Christmas show Nov. 28th
- Music provided, fun guaranteed!
- No cost to you! Just your time on Wednesday evenings
- Bring your voice! Bring a friend!

St Andrew's United Church, 399 Cassells St.  
(McIntyre entrance), North Bay, Ontario,  
every Wednesday from Aug 5-Sept 9  
from 6:30-7:30 pm.  
RSVP: \* Shan 249-359-1919

## THANK YOU BAYTONES!

This past week, the several members of the *Baytones Harmony Chorus* volunteered their time and expertise to help clean up the gardens on McIntyre Street. Thank You!

The *Baytones* are a Women's Barbershop Chorus located in North Bay, Ontario. They practice at St. Andrew's every week - and always welcome those who are interested in joining their chorale group.

For more information about the *Baytones*, contact

Janet Dakins: 705-662-2770 or  
Lois Dobberthien: (519) 400-8911



## For those who want to plan ahead...



**JUNE 7** - "Sing to the Lord a New Song!"

**JUNE 14** - "Milestones - Marking the Way"

**JUNE 21st** - Indigenous Peoples Day of Prayer

**JUNE 28th** - St. Andrew's Summer Worship Series begins

We welcome members of Trinity United to worship with us for July

**JULY** - Worship at St. Andrew's on the Sundays  
of July 5, 12, 19, 26

**AUGUST** - St. Andrew's is closed - office messages will be checked  
St. Andrew's members are invited to join Trinity United for worship during August

**AUGUST 30**—5th Sunday Service

**SEPTEMBER 6th** - First Sunday back at St. Andrew's  
**September 13th** Rally Back Sunday

## The Moderator's Pride Message 2026

*Pride is more than just a celebration. It is remembrance. It is resistance.*

In 2025, The United Church of Canada offered an apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ people and communities - naming the real harm caused through words, actions, silence, and systems that failed to protect and affirm God's beloved people.

This Pride Month, Moderator Kimberly Heath, along with the church, reflects on that apology—not as an ending, but as a beginning. A threshold into deeper healing, accountability, and transformation.

Pride is more than celebration. It is remembrance. It is resistance. It is a witness to the sacred truth that every identity rooted in love and authenticity is a divine gift.

Radical belonging is not optional—it is at the heart of the Gospel. May we continue the work of becoming a church that learns, acts with courage, and lives out love in word and deed.

From the whole United Church of Canada,  
**Happy Pride!**

Click [\\*HERE\\*](#) to view the video Message



The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath  
45th Moderator,  
United Church of Canada



## 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](mailto: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 & 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

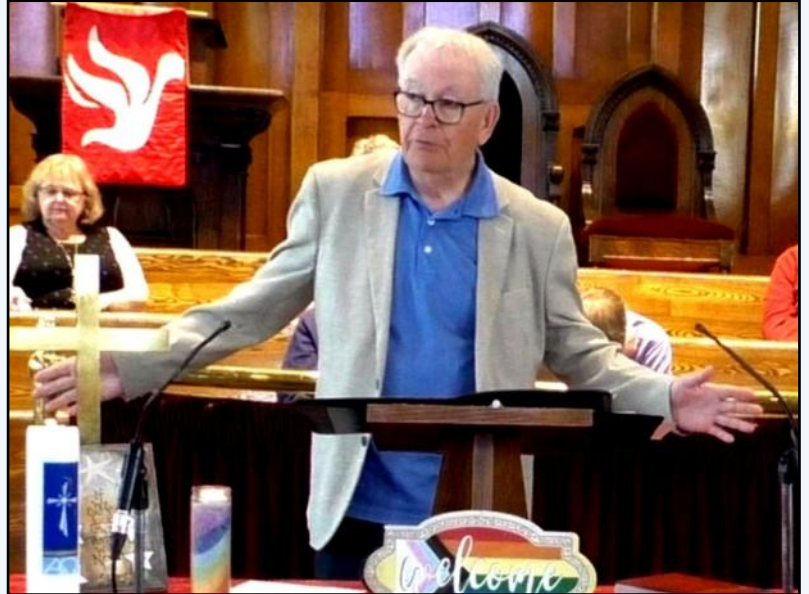
following people in your prayers:

**Judy Campbell      Mary Marrs**  
**Joyce MacQueen    Kim Delarosbel**  
**Carole Sawyer    Ken Dech    Don Vaillancourt**

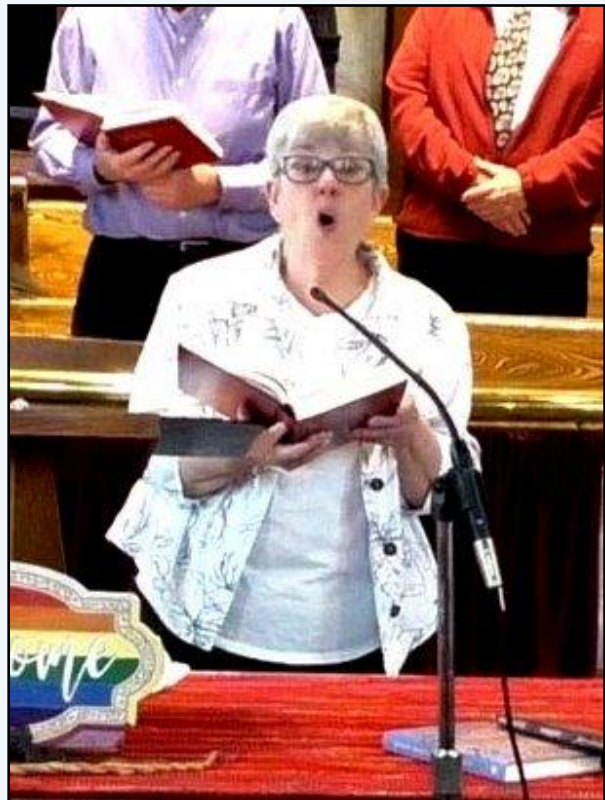


## SECURITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - between now and the end of June

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)



This past Sunday, while Rev. Caitlin was at a Regional Clergy conference, the Worship Team led the Service. Thanks to Ralph Johnston for being the lead organizer and to Liz Brownlee who was the Liturgist. The theme of the service was "Sing a New Song" and we heard from Tom Arens (*top right photo*) and Bethany Brownlee (*top left photo*) about how important music has been in shaping their lives. Thanks also to the choir who sang a selection of old and new pieces. Each song they sang was a "New Song" sometime in the past!



SING A NEW SONG

## TEMPORARY CHURCH OFFICE ASSISTANCE



Until the end of June, **Abigail (Abbi) Sanders** will be looking after the office until the return of our Office Administrator, Jan Ross who is recovering from knee surgery. Abby is a going into second year at the University of Ottawa and hopes to direct her studies towards the field of anthro-

pology. The office hours will be the regular hours (see also see page 4).

**Tues. & Wednesday: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm**

**Thursday: 12:30pm - 4:30pm**

**Friday: 10:30 am - 2:30 pm**

Mustard Seed  
PRESENTS  
**The Prodigal Clown**  
Directed by Darlene Laferriere  
**Trinity United Church**  
North Bay (Ferguson Entrance)  
Saturday June 13, 7pm | Sunday June 14, 1:30 pm  
Tickets  
\$10 Adults, \$5 Children (12 & under)  
tickets available at the door  
or by calling (705)474-3310  
Mustard Seed PRODUCTIONS

### Registration closing:

July 24 for Live In & Commuters

July 17 for Online Participants

Don't delay, space is limited!

*Transforming Together in Peace*  
Reconnecting humanity and the living earth

### The Canadian Christian Meditation Community ( CCMC )

Invites you to attend its biennial  
**NATIONAL CONFERENCE RETREAT**

JULY 24 -26<sup>th</sup> 2026

VICTORIA COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO,  
91 Charles St. West, Toronto, Ontario

*Can contemplative practices help us pay closer attention, to not only our human neighbour, but to nature, to which we are inextricably bound?  
Might this timeless discipline, shared by so many religious traditions, hold the key to addressing the profound ecological and geopolitical challenges of our epoch?*

#### Attend in person or Online

The conference will include

- \* Engaging talks
- \* Life-giving Meditation
- \* Insightful workshops
- \* Uplifting Tai Chi
- \* Praise and worship in song

Everyone is welcome—no prior meditation experience needed!

Student discounts available.

Don't miss this chance for growth and connection!



Register Online at <https://bit.ly/CCMC-NC2026>  
Reserve your accommodation by FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Keynote speaker **Tom Mustill**, Emmy-nominated filmmaker and author of *How to Speak Whale*, creates award-winning stories where people and nature meet, collaborating with Greta Thunberg and David Attenborough.



Chief **R. Stacey LaForme**, poet and storyteller, led the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, advancing reconciliation, culture, and community through leadership, literature, and bridge-building across Canada.



**Laurence Freeman OSB**, Benedictine monk and Spiritual Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation, teaches worldwide and has authored many books on meditation and contemplative practice, fostering peace and dialogue.

For more information,  
Visit: [wccm-canada.ca](http://wccm-canada.ca) or contact  
Lise Babin : [info@wccm-canada.ca](mailto:info@wccm-canada.ca)  
Phone: 416-522-8488



**PRIDE IN THE PARK**  
UNITED BY LOVE

**OUTLOUD**  
NORTH BAY

**THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
PRIDE IN THE PARK**  
Formerly The Amazing Drag Race

**5 KM COLOR RUN  
FUNDRAISER**

**FIRST 100 RUNNERS RECEIVE  
A SWAG BAG WITH LOCAL  
GOODIES**

VENDOR MARKET  
COMMUNITY BOOTHS  
KIDS FUN ZONE  
GROUP DEMONSTRATIONS  
DRAG SHOW and MORE!

**SCAN ME**

**JUNE 13, 2026 | 8:00AM-6:00PM**  
KIWANIS BANDSHELL, NORTH BAY WATERFRONT

Sponsored by  
**TD BANK GROUP**

Join us for the 5th Annual *Pride in the Park* (formerly the [Amazing Drag Race](#)).

The first 100 runners will receive a swag bag filled with local goodies. [registration link for runners](#)

Come celebrate Pride, community, inclusion, diversity, and drag culture with us!

### Pride in the Park – Event Agenda (June 13 2026)

8:00–9:30 AM – Participant Check-In  
 9:30–10:00 AM – Opening Ceremony  
 10:00–11:30 AM – Pride Color Run  
 11:30 AM–4:00 PM – Vendor Market & Kids Fun Zone  
 12:00–4:00 PM – Silent Auction & Photo Booth  
 2:00–3:30 PM – Interactive Activities & Community Performances

4:00–4:30 PM – Awards Ceremony  
 4:30–6:00 PM – Drag Show Extravaganza

**All Day:** Vendor Market, [YMCA North Bay](#) Kids Fun Zone, Photo Booth, Silent Auction, fundraising opportunities, community engagement, and social media moments. Times may shift slightly, and additional performances or activities may be added as the schedule is finalized.