



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 7, 2026
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sing a new Song...



Sing a new Song
The Psalm for June 7, (Psalm 33) says, "Sing a new song to God!" With Rev. Caitlin away at the annual CSRC meeting, our Worship Committee thought, "Hm... Good idea!" And since every song ever written WAS a "New Song" at some point... that opens up LOTS of possibilities!

Please join us for a friendly service of much loved music, with guest speakers Tom Ahrens and Bethany Brownlee reflecting on the role music played in their lives.

Next Sunday - June 14th, 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 my 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.



TEMPORARY CHURCH OFFICE ASSISTANCE

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

The office hours will be the regular hours (also see page 7).

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
 SHARED WORSHIP SERVICE**
 Sunday, May 31, 2026
 presented by the
 Trinity United Church Youth
 at Emmanuel United Church
 North Bay, Ontario, Canada

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 (31 May) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bmhtor3quXc>

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



RESTORATION
Jazz Band

Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 1:30
 Trinity United Church, North Bay
 (Ferguson at McIntyre)

Trinity Arts welcomes this amazing "Little Big Band" featuring top-notch musicians, playing *Swing, Latin, Ballads* and more....

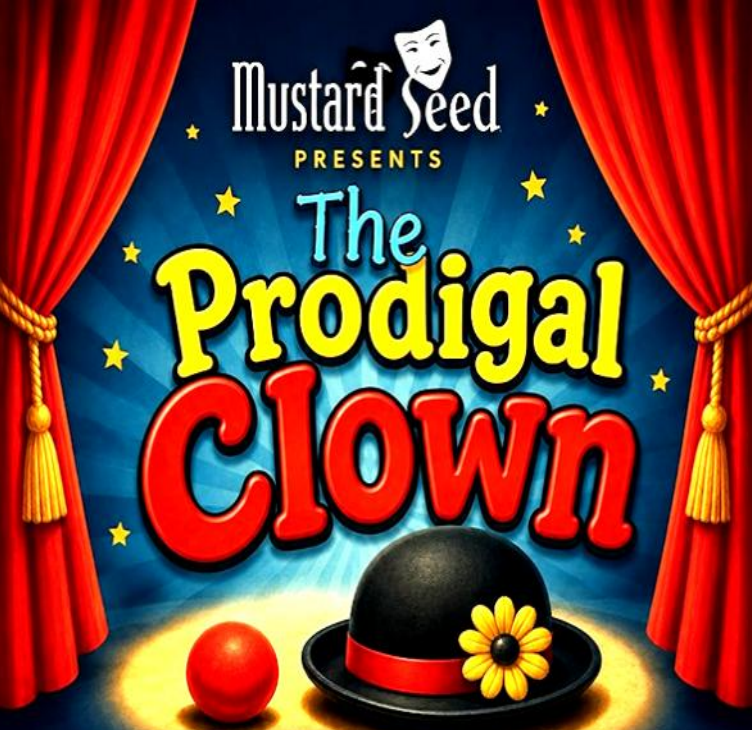
Allison Denomme- Trumpet, Neil Kennedy - Alto Sax/Clarinet
 Mike Landoni - Tenor Sax/Baritone Sax, Darren Denomme - Trombone
 Theresa McDermott - piano, Bob Bartlett - Bass,
 Rob Joannis - Drums, Dominique Lalonde and Josh Wood - Vocals

Admission \$20 and \$40 Family of 4
 Proceeds support the Heritage Railway and Carousel Company.
door prizes and more!

Tickets Locations:
 North Bay Museum, Ticket/Souvenir Kiosk at the train and carousel,
 Junior World, The Opera Café, Trinity United Church, and Dynamic Dentistry.



More info:
www.heritagetrainwayandcarousel.com
 and
www.trinitynorthbay.ca

Mustard Seed
 PRESENTS
The Prodigal Clown


Directed by Darlene Laferriere

Trinity United Church
 North Bay (Ferguson Entrance)

Saturday | **Sunday**
June 13, 7 pm | **June 14, 1:30 pm**

Tickets
\$10 Adults, \$5 Children (12 & under)

tickets available at the door
 or by calling (705)474-3310





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* at Carmichael United

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

This Month's Video: Happy Pride: A Message of Apology, Healing & Radical Belonging



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 message 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.

Learn more about The United Church of Canada's apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ people here: <https://united-church.ca/news/general-council-present-apology-2s-and-lgbtqia-communities-august-8>

Thank you for your support and partnership in the ministry of The United Church of Canada.

Grace and Peace, **The United Church of Canada Communications Team**

MODERATOR'S PRIDE MONTH MESSAGE—2026

Link: <https://youtu.be/tH6JkGe3ME0>

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

LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0



Living the Questions 2.0 - Winter 2025/Spring 2026: Tim Robertson, Judy Campbell, Karin Robertson, Marg Reid, Wynne Blair, Frankie Syme, Judith & Bill Ingwersen
(photo courtesy of Bill & Judith Ingwersen)

The Monday Study Group has continued to explore their new topic, a program series called: *Living the Question 2.0: An Introduction to Progressive Christianity*. This winter/spring, the group explored *Part I: An Invitation to Journey* (eleven Sessions, Monday Afternoons, 2 to 4 P.M., February 23 to May 11, 2026). On Monday of this week, the group wound up the series with a potluck lunch in the parlour. We are grateful to Margaret Reid and Tim Robertson for their leadership of this group and providing such interesting material!



COMING THIS FALL

LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0, PART II

**Beginning on Monday, October 5th, 2026, for ten sessions
Watch this space for more information!**

Registration closing:
 June 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 -26th 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!



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 or contact
 Lise Babin : info@wccm-canada.ca
 Phone:416-522-8488



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

WANTED

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 MARRS, OR PUT THEM IN THE CHURCH MAIL SLOT ON CASSELLS STREET ENTRANCE (Green Wooden Door) THANK YOU!



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

5th Annual Pride in the Park (formerly the Amazing Drag Race). The first 100 runners will receive a swag bag filled with local goodies. The registration link is included below.

Our fundraising goal is \$35,000, which will directly support our operating costs and programming. Come celebrate Pride, community, inclusion, diversity, and drag culture with us!

8:00–9:30 AM – Participant Check-In & Race Kit Pickup

9:30–10:00 AM – Opening Ceremony

10:00–11:30 AM – Pride Color Run (Run/Walk)

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. For general inquiries or sponsorship, please con-



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 & 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:

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





A POTLUCK INVITATION

The Ladies of Trinity United Church cordially invite the ladies of St. Andrew's to their June potluck on Monday, JUNE 8th.

Festivities will begin at 5:00 pm

**Special Guests will be
Daria Dashutik and Stan Kniazev
Their topic will be "Life In Russia"**

RSVP to
Judy Biondi by Friday June 5th
at 705- 478 -7781

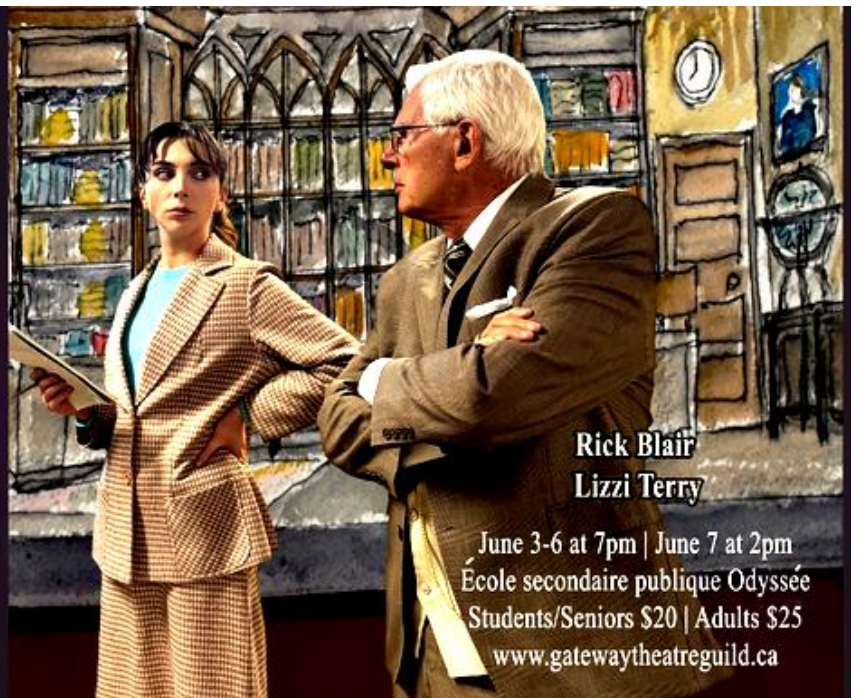


Gateway Theatre Guild Presents

TRYING

Written by Joanna McClelland Glass

Directed by Johanna McPherson



Rick Blair
Lizzi Terry

June 3-6 at 7pm | June 7 at 2pm
École secondaire publique Odyssee
Students/Seniors \$20 | Adults \$25
www.gatewaytheatreguild.ca

St. Andrew's member, **Rick Blair**, is a main character in this semi-autobiographical play **Trying**. It tells the story of Sarah, a young Saskatchewan woman who serves as the secretary to Francis Biddle, the aging former U.S. Attorney General, in Washington, D.C.. This drama follows their clashes and the deep friendship that blossoms between them during the final year of his life.