



TOGETHER

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

for Sunday, July 19, 2026

Minister: Reverend Caitlin Smithers



This Sunday - July 19, 2026

Next in Our Summer Series

Consider the Birds: Faith & Feathers

The Sparrow: Beloved and Not Forgotten

The sparrow, the fourth bird in our series, **Faith and Feathers**, has also often been overlooked, like the pigeons and pelicans of the world, yet it is referenced directly in scriptures that speak of God's Divine and unconditional love for us all. "Not one sparrow is forgotten in the sight of God." I wonder what that could mean for the times when we may feel insignificant?



***For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.***

Next Sunday - July 26, 2026

The last Bird in Our Summer Series

Consider the Birds: Faith & Feathers

The Raven: More than a bird to observe

Join us as we conclude our summer series, **Faith and Feathers**, with the final bird from *Consider the Birds*: the raven. More than a bird to observe, the raven invites us to reflect on the deeper meanings birds have carried throughout human history - symbols of hope, transformation, resurrection, and the mystery of something beyond ourselves.



As we explore the raven's unique place in this story, we'll consider how it, too, contains multitudes and what it might teach us about seeing the "more" that God places before us



13th Annual Dave Robinson Memorial Golf Tournament! United Church Golf Challenge - 4 Person Scramble



Where: Osprey Links, Callander
When: Thursday, August 27, 2026
Check In is at 1:30 p.m.
Start Time: 2:00 p.m.
Dinner Time: 5:00 p.m.



Proceeds exceeding the cost of the event will be shared evenly between the Canadian Shield Regional Council Youth and Young Adult Fund and Out Loud North Bay

For more information or to register please contact:

John Henderson at 705-492-4212 or johnkeithhenderson@gmail.com

Dave McKenney at 705-840-7070 or d127mckenney@gmail.com

You can register at: <https://ospreylinksgolf.com/product/dave-robinson-memorial/>

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, August 19th, 2026

AN INVITATION FROM EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH



Hi Friends:

I am sure you are eagerly anticipating holiday time!!

We would like to extend an invitation to folks to join us for worship at Emmanuel United Church on **Sunday, July 26.**

This will be a very special service in the life of our congregation. We will be giving thanks for the ministry of Will, as he celebrates his retirement from Emmanuel, and we will also be marking the final Sunday with Bud McMartin, as he prepares to move out of town.

Bud has been a faithful and beloved part of the Emmanuel community for over 60 years. His presence, service, and steady commitment have been a gift to generations of this congregation, and we hope to gather as many friends as possible to surround him with gratitude, blessing, and love as he begins this new chapter.



It would mean a great deal to us to have our wider church family with us as we give thanks for both Will and Bud, and as we celebrate their contributions to the life and ministry of the church.

Worship begins at 11:00, and all are welcome. A lunch will follow the service.

If you could let folks know, it would be so appreciated.

Tracy



St. Andrew's Summer Series Sunday- June 28 to July 26

Consider the Birds: Faith and Feathers

This summer, join us for a unique journey through scripture as we explore: **Consider the Birds: Faith and Feathers.**

Birds flutter through the pages of the Bible more often than we might realize—ravens, doves, sparrows, eagles, roosters, and more. Often overlooked, these winged creatures have stories to tell and lessons to teach about faith, hope, provision, courage, and God's presence in our lives.

Drawing inspiration from *Consider the Birds: A Provocative Guide to Birds of the Bible*, this series invites us to see familiar biblical stories with fresh eyes. Through these feathered companions, we'll discover new dimensions of God's character and deepen our appreciation for the rich imagery woven throughout scripture.

The book reminds us that when we pay attention to the natural world in the Bible, we may find ourselves "thinking something wonderful about a lily, or a cedar tree or a giant. Or an asp!" As we consider the birds, we'll open ourselves to wonder, curiosity, and the surprising ways God speaks through creation.



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St. Andrew's Community Roost





For those who want to plan ahead...



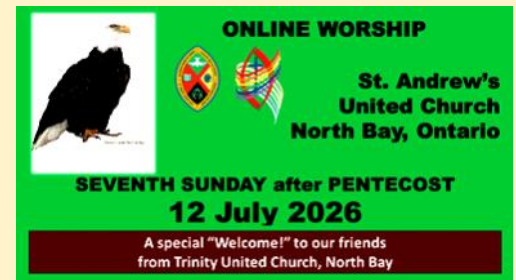
We welcome members of Trinity United to worship with us for July as their staff and clergy take a much-needed summer break

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 Church

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



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 (July 12, 2026) :

<https://youtu.be/PcUY5J6Xf7Y>

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

Are you Interested in Joining the St. Andrew's Security Team ??



From time to time, there are various groups that rent parts of the church for meetings or functions that happen outside of office hours.

To comply with the conditions of our liability insurance, St. Andrew's is required to provide security coverage for groups that are using the church for one-time events of a few hours duration. Duties of a security person would include being a "gatekeeper" at the door, doing walk-around checks, and generally being an on-site contact at times when rental groups are present. A Security Team "On Call" list is being drawn up and interested people are invited to apply. Training and orientation will be provided, and there is a pay rate of \$25 per hour. If you are interested, or wish more information please phone **Lucien Masson** at the number below.

Security Team Coordinator - Lucien Masson: 705-358-1309

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 **SUMMER HOURS**

Tuesday & Wednesday: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thurs: 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm **Friday:** 11:00 am - 2:00 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 Wed. & 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	Donna Landry
Carole Sawyer	Ken Dech
Don Vaillancourt	





Strawberry Social
JULY 4, 2026
over \$700 raised!



**MANY THANKS TO
 LIZ BROWNLEE & CREW!**



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224 Airport Road
www.guystiresales.ca



Loaves & Fishes
Community
Food Bank



TUBES FOR FOOD is back at GUY'S ! Just in time for the hot summer weather. Bring in your **food or cash** donations for **Loaves and Fishes Community Food Bank** and receive a free INNER TUBE - great for keeping you afloat in a cool lake!



TEMPORARY OFFICE PERSON NEEDED !

SEPTEMBER 3rd to MID-OCTOBER

Our Office Administrator will be away from the office during this time as she recovers from surgery. We are looking for a person to be in the

DATES: September 3rd until Mid-October

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 St. Andrew's **Ministry & Personnel Committee** through Church Secretary, Karen Gooch, by e-mail at:

councilsecretary_standrews@cogeco.net as soon as possible.



To the members of the St. Andrew's (North Bay) Congregation:

Thank you to everyone who has already completed Broadview's 2026 Readership Survey. So far, more than 200 readers have shared their thoughts — and we are deeply grateful.

To make sure the results give us a meaningful picture of what Broadview's print readers want and value, we are aiming for at least 500 responses. The sooner we reach that goal, the sooner we can begin analyzing your answers and making thoughtful decisions about the magazine's next chapter.

If you have not yet completed the survey, we hope you'll join the 200-plus readers who have already taken part

Your feedback will help guide our coverage of spirituality, justice, ethical living and the issues that matter most to our readers.

Whether you have been reading Broadview for decades or are a more recent subscriber, your perspective matters.

Most readers complete the survey in about 20 minutes. Participation is confidential and

anonymous, and all results will be reported only in combination with those of other respondents.

To participate, please click the button below.

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to take the survey**



Thank you for helping shape what comes next. We are listening, and we are grateful for your input.

Warmly,

The Broadview Team