



TOGETHER

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

for Sunday, September 13, 2026
Minister: Reverend Caitlin Smithers



This Sunday - September 13, 2026

Creation Time 2: Rally Back Sunday

As we continue in **Creation Time**, this Sunday we are reflecting on **water**. Water is one of the most basic and beautiful gifts of creation. It gives life, refreshes us, and connects all living things. From the rain that nourishes the earth to the rivers, lakes, and oceans that surround us, water reminds us that creation is deeply connected to God.

Water is also at the heart of baptism. In baptism, water becomes a sign of belonging, and God's love. It reminds us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves and called to live in relationship with God and with all of creation.

Please join us in celebrating coming back together in worship this fall, with a baptism, and an opportunity to gather together for food and fellowship!



Next Sunday - September 20, 2026

Creation Time 3 Come Stirring Breeze

In this Season of Creation, we turn our hearts toward the element of **air**—the invisible gift that surrounds us, sustains us, and reminds us of the very **breath of God**.

Just as the wind moves through the trees, may God's Spirit move among us—stirring what has grown still, refreshing what has grown weary, and awakening us to new life.

Come, Stirring Breeze.
Come and breathe new life into us.

Come and stir our hearts for creation, for one another, and for God.
Join us for worship as we listen for the movement of the Spirit and make room for God's holy breath.



LINGER



LUNCH

Rally Sunday Linger Lunch Sunday, September 13th

To celebrate Rally Sunday, the *Congregational Life* group will be hosting a **Linger Lunch** (soup, buns and cake) in the gym immediately following the Sunday morning Service.

An Invitation from the Sons of Jacob Congregation Yom Kippur Service - Sunday, September 20th

Hello everyone,

Our annual Yom Kippur service will take place at the shul (Synagogue) on the evening of Sunday September 20th. Doors will open at 6:30, with Kol Nidre beginning at 7pm. We will again be accompanied by the *Near North Voices* choir. I hope to see you there!

Shana tova to all, and best wishes for 5787

Kind regards,

Loni Grohman
President
Sons of Jacob Congregation
North Bay, ON



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VOICES

TUBES FOR FOOD



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Loaves & Fishes
Community
Food Bank

TUBES FOR FOOD is an on-going campaign promoted by *GUY'S Tire Sales & Auto Service*. 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 - this summer - or next!



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 (**September 6, 2026**) :

https://youtu.be/Hf8_MdwGh5E

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

ONLINE WORSHIP



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

**Season of Creation 1
06 September 2026**

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

REGULAR HOURS

Monday: closed

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

Thursday: 10:30pm - 1:30pm

Friday: 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Pastoral Care

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

Please note that these hours may be adjusted since there is a temporary Office Administrator on duty - it is recommended that you call ahead - 705-472-7680 - to confirm.

Minister's Office Hours



MINISTER: REVEREND CAITLIN SMITHERS

Caitlin's weekly office hours are **9 am to 3 pm Wednesday and Thursday** but September is a busy time - and Caitlin's schedule may vary. If you wish to call or email to set up a meeting with Caitlin, please call her work phone **705-498-5943**, email : csmithers_standrews@cogeco.net, or leave a message at the Church Office (705 472-7680).

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:

Mary Marrs

Joyce MacQueen

Donna Landry

Carole Sawyer

Ken Dech

Don Vaillancourt

Karen Gooch

Message from Judy Campbell: "Thank you for prayers answered!"

Explore your Faith Be Part of a Community

Join Our Study Group & Membership Class



Are you interested in learning more about the United Church of Canada, or maybe about God or Jesus or another part of your faith?

If so, you're in luck! This

September we are going to offer an opportunity to learn about all that and more, and even explore such topics as membership in the *United Church of Canada*, adult Baptism and Confirmation - or reaffirming your faith if you are already a member!

There is no pressure to become a member though, or to be new to church — everyone is welcome to come, learn, and discuss together, to ask questions, and reflect together on what it means to be followers of God in this time and place right now.

Together we'll explore:

- The Christian faith and the teachings of Jesus
- The history, beliefs, and mission of The United Church of Canada
- What it means to belong to a faith community
- Opportunities to grow, serve, and make a difference
- Any questions you might have, in a welcoming and respectful environment

Whether you're new to church, exploring your faith, considering becoming a member of the United Church of Canada, or interested in reaffirming your faith, you're warmly invited to our **Study Group & Membership Class**.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Date: September 20th – November 15th

Time: The first meeting will be after church on September 20th at 12pm. Future meeting schedule to be determined by the group.

Location: St. Andrew's *Lois Carey Parlour*



For more information or to register, please contact :

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Margaret Reid (705-476-3917)



*"Wherever you are
on your faith journey,
there is a place for you here."*

The Living Well Series

Talks & workshops for mind, body & spirit

Brain Health & You

Sept 24 • 1:30 PM • Emmanuel United Church - 395 Lakeshore Drive

Guest Speaker: Erin Celebre, North Bay Alzheimer's Society

Coming Soon - Nutrition and Aging
Guest Speaker - Michelle Her, MScFN, RD

Details to follow

All Are Welcome

COMING THIS FALL!



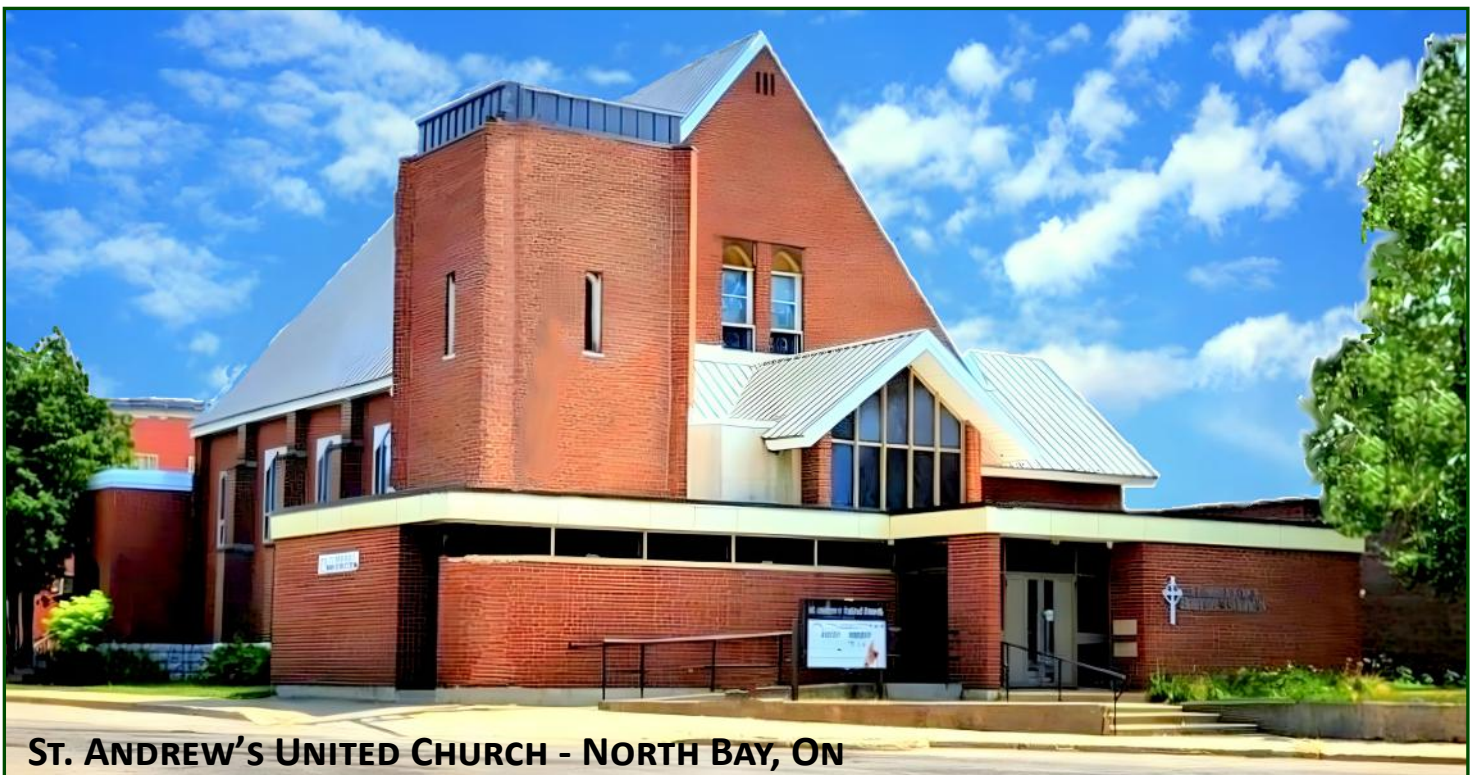
LIVING THE QUESTIONS - PART 2
Beginning Mon., October 5th,
for 10 sessions

LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0

AN INTRODUCTION TO PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY



**MORE INFORMATION TO COME IN
THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTERS**



ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH - NORTH BAY, ON



A New Face in the Office

For the next few weeks, our Office Administrator Jan Ross will be off work while she is recovering from hip surgery.

Lucy Emmott will be filling in during that time. Lucy is a long-time friend of St. Andrew's and you may have met her already. She is always interested in sharing her extensive knowledge of - and passion for - the natural world including pollinators, fungi, and eco-sustainability! Lucy will be in the office for the hours that are posted on **Page 3**.

St. Andrew's Card Ministry - Part of "What We Do!"

Five times a year, St. Andrew's *Card Ministry Team* sends out greeting cards as part of a program that keeps our homebound and elderly congregational members in touch. Led by Donna Landry, Liz Brownlee, and Wynne Blair, the team first spends time creating the handmade cards. Then there is a "writing session" where each card recipient receives a seasonal greeting and a special note reminding them that they are still a valued member of the St. Andrew's Faith Family! Thank you, "Card Team" for your important and meaningful work!



Photo above: Liz Brownlee (left) and Wynne Blair are busy assembling the cards that will be sent out to approximately 45 people during the upcoming Thanksgiving season.

Arriving soon! Watch your “Snail Mail” (Canada Post) for a letter announcing our Fall Stewardship Campaign!



Creation Time 1: The Earth

During Last Sunday's service, Rev. Caitlin's reflection centered around our relationship with the earth.

God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:9



The Story Behind the Stained Glass Window in St. Andrew's Chapel



MEMORIALS THAT LIVE AND SERVE

All of us who share in the life of this congregation benefit from the generosity of thousands of people who have preceded us in this place. Gifts in memory of family and friends are "memorials that live and serve" and lovingly commemorate peoples' lives and their contributions to St. Andrew's of time, talent and treasure.

The stained glass window in the Chapel was dedicated on October 8, 1994 to the Glory of God and in Memory of James Wesley McNutt (1909-1993) from his wife Edith (Milne) McNutt, son Fred and daughter Shirley Priolo and their families.

The window reflects Wes's love of nature and his life-long career in forestry. The inscription under the striking design created by artist David Morgan reads *I Am The Vine - Ye Are The Branches* from John 15:5. It is a fitting tribute to Wes's faithfulness and his active and loving participation in the life of this community of faith.

I am the vine, ye are the branches:
He that abideth in me, and I in him,
the same bringeth forth much fruit:
for without me ye can do nothing.

John 15:5



EDITH AND WES McNUTT
NORTH BAY
1992



JAMES WESLEY McNUTT
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