



TOGETHER

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

for Sunday, September 6, 2026
Minister: Reverend Caitlin Smithers



This Sunday - September 6, 2026

Creation Time 1: Earth

In *Acts 17*, Paul asks us to look at the stars and the world around us and wonder: what do these things tell us about God?

Creation Time gives us a chance to pause and reflect on how creation draws us closer to God, and how the way we care for the land shapes our relationship with our Creator."



Next 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!



Loaves & Fishes



LOAVES & FISHES COMMUNITY FOODBANK
September Re-opening

The food bank will reopen on
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

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

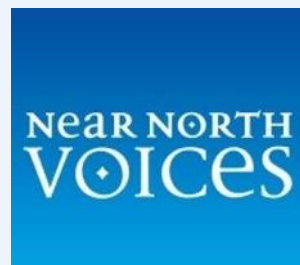
Hello everyone,

Our annual Yom Kippur service will take place at the shul on the evening of Sunday September 20th. Doors will open at 630, 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



TUBES FOR FOOD



**Guy's
TIRE & AUTO**
SALES INC. SERVICE

Guy's Tire Sales & Auto Service
224 Airport Road
www.guystiresales.ca



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 (**Fifth Sunday - Carmichael -August 30, 2026**) :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2B9aFGGUgo>

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



Fifth Sunday Service

Carmichael United Church
August 30, 2026

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle
Shirley Roy

Scripture Reader
Rev. Lillian Roberts

Family Story Reader
Sydney Ouellette

Meditation
Rev. Ted Harrison

Music
Betty Ferris and Brenda McLay
Trinity Choir and Friends
Laura Ferris and Graham Finley, Flutes

Tech Team
Marcel McDonald and Tim Robertson

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: 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: standrews-church@cogeco.net and your message will be forwarded to the Minister.

Please note that these hours may be adjusted since there will be 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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timothyrobertson@hotmail.com or

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!



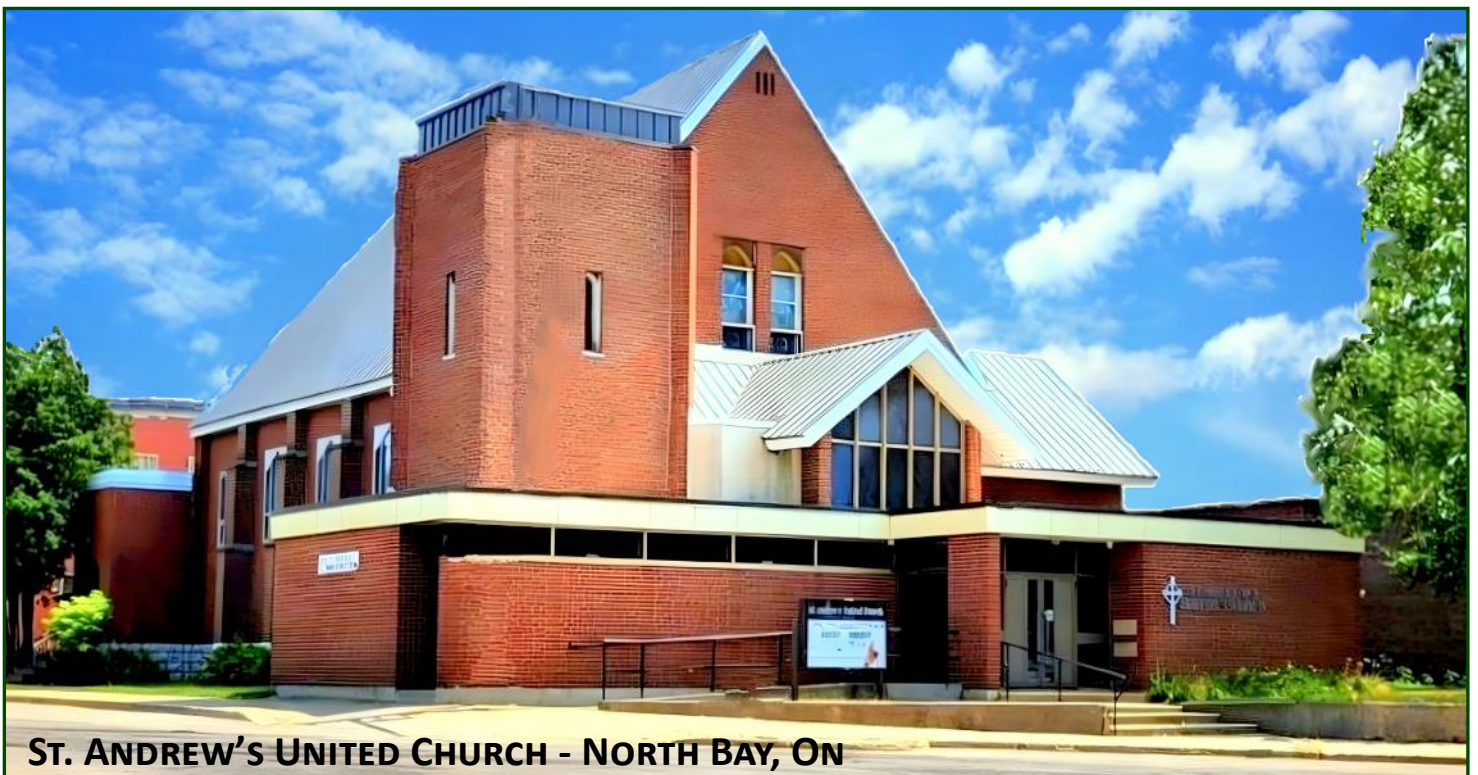
LIVING THE QUESTIONS - PART 2
Beginning Mon., October 5th,
for 10 sessions

LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0

AN INTRODUCTION TO PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY



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



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