



TOGETHER

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

for Sunday, October 18, 2026
Minister: Reverend Caitlin Smithers



This Sunday - October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost Whatever the Gift May Be



Jesus reminds us in Matthew that the greatest commandments are to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind - and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

This Sunday, let's remember that giving is more than exchanging gifts - it's an opportunity to reflect God's generous heart.

Whether it's a thoughtful gift, an act of kindness, or simply showing up for someone who needs encouragement, every act of generosity can make a difference.

Join us as we celebrate the joy of giving and discover how God can use what we have to bless others.

Next Sunday - October 25, 2026

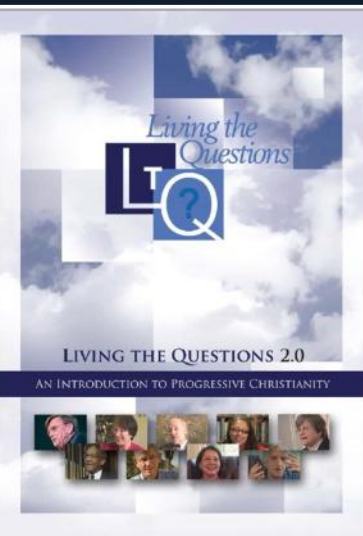
22nd Sunday after Pentecost What if God Lived Next Door?

"Love your neighbour as yourself." — Matthew 22: 39

What if loving our neighbour means more than loving the people we know, the people who look like us, or the people who believe what we believe?

What if our neighbour is the stranger, the lonely, the hurting, the overlooked - or the person we find hardest to love?

Jesus calls us to love beyond our comfort zones, to see others through God's eyes, and to remember that when we show love, kindness, and compassion to others, we may be encountering God in ways we never expected.



Living the Questions 2.0
An Introduction to Progressive Christianity

Part II

Ten Sessions,
Monday Afternoons.

Starting: **Monday, October 5th, 2026**

Location: **St. Andrew's United Church**

**YOU CAN STILL JOIN
THIS GROUP THAT
MEETS ON MONDAY
AFTERNOONS**

**PLEASE SEE
TIM ROBERTSON
OR
MARG REID
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED**

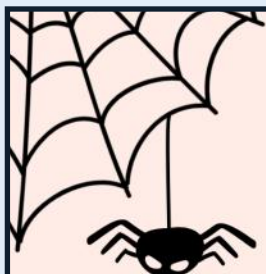


THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - 2026

(Photos courtesy of Linda McCarthy and Tim Robertson)

FALL BAZAAR

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ST. ANDREW'S
FALL BAZAAR, SILENT AUCTION,
COOKIE WALK & CAFÉ

OCTOBER 31
10-2PM

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
399 CASSELLS ST.



Please use the
McIntyre St. entrance



Giving Life to God's Vision

A Stewardship Invitation

Growing the Church We Imagine / Caring for Our Church's Future

Our **Fall Stewardship Campaign** is now underway. If you did not receive a letter in the mail, you are invited to view the details in the links below.

Rick and Wynne Blair have announced an exciting **Matching Donation** - so every dollar you donate has a double impact on insuring that St. Andrew's can continue to offer a meaningful ministry of Christ to all.

Click ****[HERE](#)**** to view/download the Rick & Wynne Blair's letter

Click ****[HERE](#)**** to view/download a form for your Campaign donation

NOTE: This campaign will run until the end of November, 2026

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 updated and interested people are invited to apply. Training and orientation will be provided, and this is a paid position. If you are interested, or wish more information please phone **Lucien Masson** at the number below.

Security Team Coordinator
Lucien Masson: 705-358-1309



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 (**October 11, 2026**) :

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

A video link is also posted on the homepage of the [St. Andrew's website](#).



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 pm

Thursday: 10:30 am - 2:30 pm 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. **- 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 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:



Joyce MacQueen

Donna Landry

Carole Sawyer Ken Dech

Don Vaillancourt Karen Gooch

Explore your Faith Be Part of a Community

Join Our Study Group & Membership Class



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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 STILL 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 :

Rev. Caitlin Smithers

(office-705-472-7680)

(csmithers_standrews@cogeco.net) or

Tim Robertson (705-497-1227)

(timothyrobertson@hotmail.com) or

Margaret Reid (705-476-3917)

***On Sunday, October 25th,
Rev. Kathleen McCallum will be
joining our group to talk to us
about the History of Christianity.***



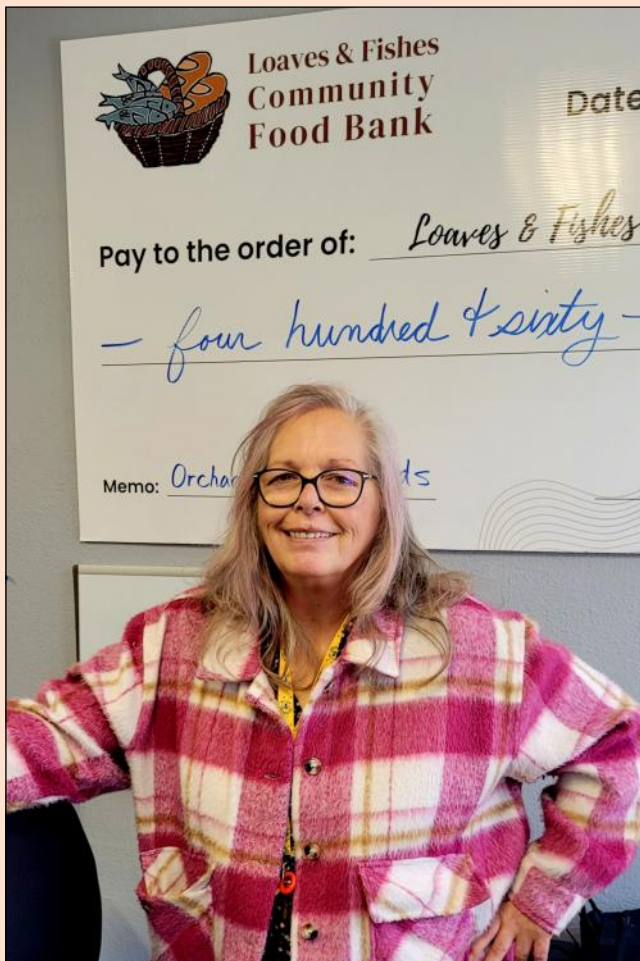
IMPORTANT NOTE RE E-TRANSFERS TO ST. ANDREW'S

Recently we have been experiencing some problems with the use of e-transfers to St. Andrew's specifically using the address "**donatetostandrews@cogeco.net**".

Until these problems have been resolved and further direction has been given, we ask that you contact the Church Office directly to make alternate arrangements for transfer of funds. Please note that all other donation methods (cash, cheque, church envelope giving, and donations via the "Canada Helps" page on the website) **are all still secure and safe to use!**

WELCOME MARIE!

We welcome **Marie Wardle** as the new [Loaves & Fishes Community Foodbank](#) Coordinator. She is taking over from the previous Coordinator, Lorie Fairburn, who moved to Sudbury in May.



Marie Wardle

Originally from Cambridge, Marie has been living in North Bay for 20 years. She has been a Harm Reduction Outreach Worker working with the *AIDS Committee of North Bay and Area* for the past 5 years. Before that, she worked with the *Ontario Addiction Treatment Centre* here in the city.

Although she knows that she has "big shoes to fill," Marie is looking forward to the opportunity to being an integral part of the *Loaves & Fishes* outreach program. She says that she is also looking forward to interacting with the foodbank's clients so she can get to know them better - and along with the rest of the *L & F* team, help to serve them the best that she can.

Special thanks goes to **Willa Gallant** who faithfully looked after the *Loaves & Fishes* program from May until September of this year. She did a great job!



Willa Gallant

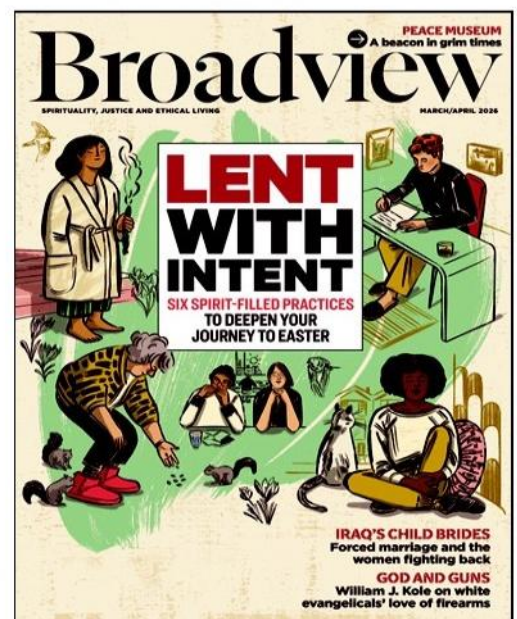
HELP OUT BY DONATING THE COST OF YOUR BROADVIEW MAGAZINE

Broadview
SPIRITUALITY, JUSTICE AND ETHICAL LIVING

Currently there are about **50 St. Andrew's households** that receive the

BROADVIEW magazine (originally *The Observer*) published by the United Church of Canada. These subscriptions are paid for by St. Andrew's at a cost of approximately **\$30 (thirty)** per year per magazine.

If you receive BROADVIEW, and would like to help out with a \$30 tax-receiptable donation towards the cost of providing BROADVIEW, please put your cheque (payable to *St. Andrew's United Church*) or cash in a marked envelope and put it on the collection plate on Sundays -or hand it in during the week at the Church Office (please check office hours).



THE COMPASSIONATE COMMITTEE FOR
THE HOMELESS IN NORTH BAY PRESENTS:

Winter Boots Campaign Help Provide Warmth!

We are looking for sponsors of boots
(in the way of cash, cheque or e-transfer donations between \$50 - \$100)

We are also accepting donations of
→ **NEW:** ←
warm socks, hats, mitts and scarves



Drop-offs of monetary donations and
NEW hats, mitts and scarves
will be gratefully accepted at
The Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
(garages across from the Cathedral)
480 McIntyre St. W.



Saturday, November 7, 2026
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Etransfer donations to:

CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com

Questions?



705-472-5687



Compassionate Committee
for the Homeless in North Bay

*Building a bridge
of kindness
in North Bay.*