TOGETHER

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

for Sunday, November 8 2026
Minister: Reverend Caitlin Smithers

This Sunday - November 8, 2026



Remembrance Sunday

Join us this Remembrance Sunday as we pause to honour the courage, sacrifice, and service of all who have given, and continue to give their lives for the freedom, justice, and peace of our world.

As we remember those we've lost, honour our veterans, and pray for those who continue to serve, often at great personal and communal cost, may we renew our commitment to being peacemakers in our homes, communities, and across the world.



Next Sunday - November 15, 2026

Faithful in Every Day Ways

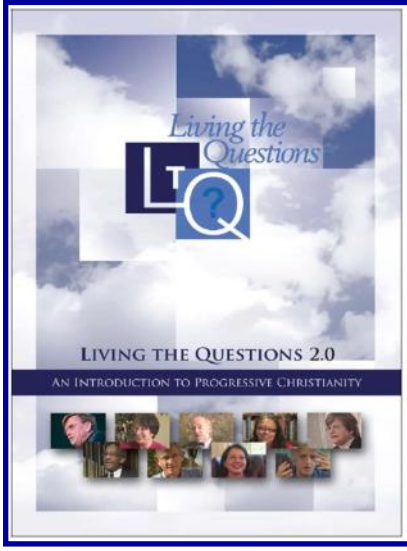
In a world full of uncertainty, distractions, and constant change, one thing remains true: **God is always with us, and God's love never wavers.**

Through every season of life, in our challenges and celebrations, in moments of joy and times of struggle, God continues to walk beside us with unfailing love.
This Sunday, we'll explore how we can be faithful in return, not just in grand gestures, but in the everyday choices we make.

Through prayer, kindness, helping others, standing up for what is right, and caring for those around us, we can reflect God's love in the world.



Let's find out together how faithfulness comes to life in the little things we do every day.



Living the Questions 2.0
An Introduction to Progressive Christianity

Part II
Ten Sessions,
Monday Afternoons.

There is still time to join!
Please see Tim Robertson or Marg Reid

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


THE SEEKING HELP PROJECT PRESENTS
SUPER CLINIC
FRIDAY THE 13TH
No tricks — all treats! Every service is FREE. Everyone welcome.
Friday, November 13, 2026
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
St. Andrew's United Church, North Bay
Don't let the date spook you — walk in and get the help you need.
FREE SERVICES
One stop. Zero cost. Zero fear.
100% FREE
Sexual Health, Health Promotion & Harm Reduction
Tax Filing
Get your taxes done on the spot
Birth Certificates
Applications & support
Federal Benefit Applications
Mental Health Services
Support from people who care
District Social Services
Information & assistance with applications
Outpatient Mental Health & Addictions
Information & intake services
Mental Health Support for Front Line Workers
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
Service Canada
District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board
Conseil d'administration des services sociaux du district de Nipissing
SCSC
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
Bureau de santé du district de North Bay-Parry Sound
North Bay Regional Health Centre
Centre régional de santé de North Bay
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FIFTH SUNDAY SHARED WORSHIP
AT OMOND MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

319 McKenzie Avenue, North Bay, ON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

at 9:30 am

(note earlier start time!)

This service is being offered by the AOTS ("As One That Serves") Men's Group of Trinity United Church.

They have extended an invitation to any men from St. Andrew's who might be willing to help by singing in the choir or reading scripture. See Derek Stott if you are interested in participating.

Note that there will not be a worship service at St. Andrew's on Sunday, November 22nd.

Kids Only Bazaar





St. Andrew's United Church

Corner of McIntyre and Cassells
Enter through the McIntyre entrance.
All Children welcome

Saturday December 5, 2026

10:00 a.m. till noon

Time for the children to do their Christmas shopping, all items under $3.00. Make a list of who to shop for. There will be helper available for those who are too little to shop by themselves. Coffee and tea will be available for the parent's while their kids are shopping.

The St. Andrew's ***Kids Only Bazaar***, is always held on the First Saturday in December. This event is an opportunity for children **ages 4 to 13** to do their Christmas shopping for family and friends. The bazaar has been a tradition at St. Andrews for almost forty years, and is open to children all over North Bay and the surrounding area.

BUT to make this event happen, we need donations of **new or gently used items** for the children to purchase and **gift bags** and **wrapping paper** to wrap these presents in.

Kids only Bazaar Coordinator: Patricia Kirton-Bailey

St. Andrew's Council Planning Summary

As the new program year begins your Minister and Council are prioritizing re-engaging strategic planning. In November 2025 there was a congregational meeting where St. Andrew's had conversation facilitated by Rev. Diane Matheson-Jimenez about our mission and vision.

At the October meeting, Rev. Lillian Roberts facilitated a goal identification process with Council members. One option for sparking strategic planning is to make space for those in leadership to name goals for their own discipleship within the mission of the faith community.

Goals named during the session touched on the following areas:

- **Overall goal of sustainability** – it is important to make a plan to ensure the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's will reach into the future. Goals need to align themselves with this goal.
- **Stewardship** – finding creative ways to invite supporters into new patterns of giving.
- **Growth** – to become intentional in welcoming the guest, newcomer, so they connect and want to participate. It was recognized that not only does St. Andrew's need to attract new members/leaders/active adherents to be sustainable.
- **Invigorate Leadership** – become intentional in providing formation for discipleship which includes mentoring leaders. A new members / reaffirmation class would be offered. One of the goals would be to inspire one person to offer themselves for a leadership role in the nomination round for the AGM in spring 2027.
- **Pathways of Connection** – to assess the opportunities being provided for people to connect with congregational life beyond Sunday morning worship.
- **Infrastructure for Mission and Ministry** There was an identified goal to assess the building not only for structural integrity but also with an eye to how it supports or is a barrier to mission and ministry.
- **Marketing, Communication, Mission Recognition**- thought is being given to how to attract wider participation in the ministry of the congregation by developing a plan to more widely share stories of its activities.



The Church Council will continue this work through the fall of 2026. Individual Council Members are refining a goal over the coming weeks, making it specific and naming what resources might be needed to accomplish it in the timeframe named. The outcome is for each member of Council to have a goal for which they are taking primary leadership over the coming year(s).

None of these goals are a one-person project. There will be opportunity and invitation for others to join in giving them life. In this way, the goals of Council members will grow to involve others in giving shape to the long term mission and ministry.

MORE ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT PLANNING INITIATIVE WILL BE SHARED IN AN UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICE

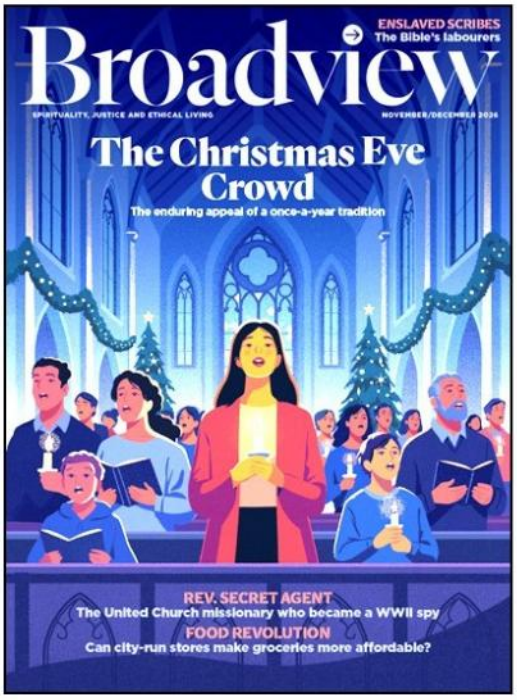
NOTE: The complete planning summary document can be viewed by clicking ****here****

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).



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

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







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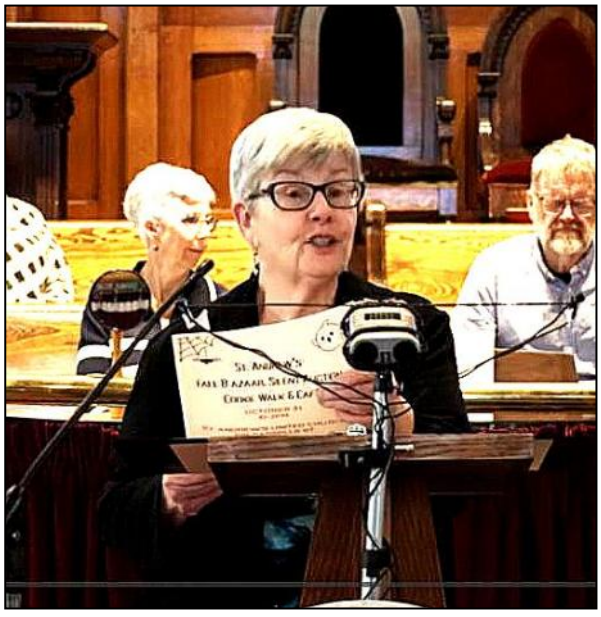
Each Sunday service is recorded on video and the service is usually posted on the St. Andrew's *YouTube channel* by noon on the following day (Monday).



Here is the link to last Sunday's service (November 1, 2026) :

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtXf_WAB5yk

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



In the Tradition of the Saints

At the November 1st Service, **Liz Brownlee** reported that the *Fall Bazaar* was a great success. She paid tribute to **Lois Carey** - one of the departed Saints of St. Andrew's who, for many years, organized the *Fall Tea & Bazaar* in a dedicated and efficient fashion.

Lois Carey's spirit of service is an inspiration to our volunteers and is continuing to shape the traditions that make St. Andrew's the caring faith community that it is.

As well as thanking the many people who helped make the bazaar a success, Liz also thanked all those who purchased or bid on items. The profit for the day will be in excess of $3,000! *(see page 9 for more photos)*

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: 12:30 am - 4:30 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:

The family of Joyce MacQueen Donna Landry

Carole Sawyer Ken Dech The family of Anita Winton

Don Vaillancourt Karen Gooch

Explore your Faith
Be Part of a Community

Join Our Study Group & Membership Class



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

EVERYONE IS STILL WELCOME!

Date: September 20th – November 15th

Time: After the morning Worship Service

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

please contact :

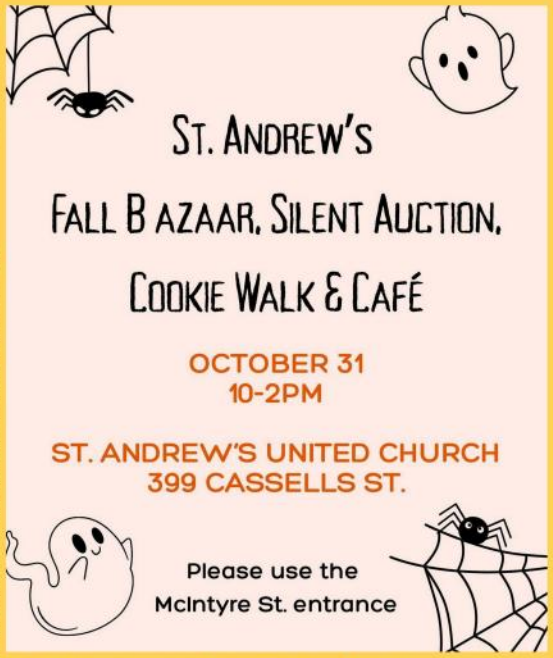
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Special thanks to *Rosemarie Elizabeth* for these great photos!