

## **Announcements Dec 24- Jan 4**

**Scent Free Environment** –Please be mindful that many people suffer from scent triggered reactions to personal products (such as fragrances, colognes, hairsprays, lotions and powders, laundry detergents and fabric softeners, which can linger on clothing) that are perceptible to others and these should be avoided. Changes have already been made to ensure that the sanctuary, hall and other areas are scent free. With your support, we are creating a scent free environment that is welcoming for all.

**The church office is open**

**Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am -12:30m.**

**Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.**

**The church office will be closed Dec 25 – Jan 7**

### **Happening this week and through the holidays:**

Wed. Dec 24:	7pm, Family Christmas Service 9pm, Contemplative Christmas Eve with Communion
Sun. Dec 28:	10:30 Worship, Hymn Requests! J.P Cormier live in concert, 4pm
Mon Jan 5	2:30 After School Club
Tues. Jan 6	LGBT2Q+ Family Support Group, 6:30pm 1pm Coffee and a Book (welcoming homeschooling families)
Wed. Jan 7 :	Supper's Ready resumes, 5pm 5:30 Kid's Crafts
Thurs. Jan 8:	Choir Resumes
Wed. Jan 14	10am, Bible Study Resumes
Sun. Feb 8	3pm, Steáfán & Saskia live in concert

**Coats and Hats....**Please check the back of the church and the cloak room at the entrance to the hall to see if you have left any coats behind. What ever is still present at the end of the month will be donated to the Clothing Depot.

**New Photo Directory...**We are excited to announce we will be working on a new Photo Directory. There is more information to come, but pictures will be taken May 11-15<sup>th</sup> by Universal Portrait Studios. Mark your calendars and wait for your call to schedule your appointment!

**From The Stewardship/Fundraising Committee**

### **From the Stewardship team**

As we continue to walk together in faith, I want to share an important opportunity to support both our vibrant community and our historic home. Your financial gifts enable us to uphold our mission of being a welcoming, inclusive community rooted in Christ's transformative love. As part of this effort, we invite you to review your PAR

(Pre-Authorized Remittance) contributions or other giving commitments, and consider making any adjustments or joining us in this way for the first time. Your ongoing generosity helps us fund outreach programs, support and uplift lives, and care for our historic building. Our beloved church building, which has stood for 177 years, is a treasured heritage site that requires ongoing maintenance and care to preserve its beauty and significance. Together, let's continue to fulfill our vision of being a welcoming spiritual centre that embodies inclusivity, justice, and adaptability. Thank you for your faithful generosity and support. PS - You may call the office at (613) 475-1311 or email Pamela [admin@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:admin@trinitystandrews.ca) for information on PAR - to join PAR the application form is attached and will need to be returned to the office.

### **J.P. Cormier comes to Brighton!**

Join us at 4:00 pm (doors open at 3:30) for John Paul "J.P." Cormier, a Canadian bluegrass/folk/Celtic singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. To date he has won thirteen East Coast Music Awards and one Canadian Folk Music Award. Cormier was born in London, Ontario and began playing guitar around age five.

Tickets available at the church office, Lighthouse Books or this link:

[www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/jp-cormier](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/jp-cormier)

**Steáfán & Saskia** live in concert, Sunday Feb 8, 3pm, \$25. An afternoon of Celtic music! Tickets at the church office, Lighthouse Books, by etransfer or this link:  
[www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/saskia-steafan-1](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/saskia-steafan-1)

### **From The Worship Committee**

**Bible study** Everyone is welcome! Please reach out to the office for more information and then watch for an email with discussion starters from Rev Wanda. After the Christmas break, Bible Study will **resume Jan. 14**

**Lectio Divina** ....Please reach out to Irene Robb ( [eneri1414@gmail.com](mailto:eneri1414@gmail.com)) or the office ([admin@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:admin@trinitystandrews.ca)) if you are interested in coming together once a month (or so!) to practice an ancient way of listening for God's voice in scripture. You can learn more about Lectio Divina or sacred readings here: [https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/253799/1-What-is-Lectio Divina.pdf](https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/253799/1-What-is-Lectio%20Divina.pdf) . We are gathering **Wed. Jan 14th**, at 2pm in the Quiet Room.

**Caregivers Peer Support Group:** once monthly at Trinity-St. Andrew's the fourth Wednesday of the month, 3:00 - 4:00 in the Quiet Room.

Next meeting **Wednesday Jan 28**, 2026 Open to anyone caring for a loved one who would benefit from sitting with other caregivers in a supportive, safe, and confidential space. Limited openings now. For more information, please reach out to the office.

## **Ordering new hymn books**

You may have noticed some unfamiliar hymns and service music in our worship since September. This past summer the United Church of Canada introduced its first new hymn resource since *More Voices* was published in 2009. Our world has changed a lot since then, and the new songs in this resource reflect the theology and diversity of United Church folks. We would like to place a bulk order of hymn books for those who would like to have their own copy. There is a slight discount in price, and we would save on shipping fees. They are currently reprinting books, so we cannot guarantee they would arrive before Christmas. The cost would vary from approximately \$32.00 to \$37.00 each, depending on the number we order. If you are interested, please reach out to Pamela in the office. We do not have plans to order hymn books for the pews at this point.

**New Members Classes.....**Do you feel God calling you to a deeper faith? Do you have questions about the Bible or the United Church of Canada?

We are holding new members classes (discipleship classes) starting mid January and you are welcome to join us, whether you hope to join the church or are just plain curious. Please reach out to the office or Rev Wanda. Our tentative time is Wednesday afternoons at 3:30, but we could accommodate people's schedule.

### **“Why I come to church”**

Have you ever had a neighbour ask you why you come to church, and didn't know what to say? Join us **Saturday January 17 and January 24 at 2:00 pm** in the church hall as we dig deep into our faith, and with a soul-searching process discover why Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church is so important to us. Here's the cool part: we have engaged the services of a video producer who will document our time together, and create short promotional videos for us to use on social media in the months to come. If you are curious, please see Rev. Wanda or Pamela in the office to sign up. Let's perfect our elevator speeches!

### **From the Youth and Christian Education Committee**

**TSAUC After School Drop-in Program** ... Mondays from 2:30-6:30pm we will have snacks and activities in the hall for youth ages 10 and up. We hope to provide a safe, welcoming space after school. Please let Bets or Stephanie know if you are interested in helping either regularly or occasionally as a substitute.

**Coffee and a Book** (welcoming homeschooling families) ... Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30pm Everyone is welcome to drop in and share a coffee with us. Borrow a book, do a puzzle, make crafts and enjoy some fellowship.

### **From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee**

**LGBTQ+ Family Support Group.** This group is for parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members who would like to share their experiences and learn how to support their loved ones. Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the

Quiet Room at the church. The next meeting is Tuesday, Jan 6. For more information, speak with Jeanette Cournoyer or email: [brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com](mailto:brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com).

**Exciting news!** We now have a lending library of books related to trans, non-binary and queer issues such as parenting, self-care, transitioning and more. You don't have to attend the group to borrow a book - just ask Jeanette and she will show you all of the titles available!

**From the Hospitality Committee**

**Coffee Time...**After our worship service we are blessed with a small group of volunteers who make sure that coffee and treats are ready for you to enjoy each week. Please consider assisting this group that needs your help. We need more people to be involved. If you can help out, please contact Sharon McMullen at 613-475-2928 or see her after church.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

