

### Sunday Worship

9am Traditional.  
10:30am  
Contemporary &  
Sunday School



**DEVOTION IN MOTION**  
Present The Nativity



**DECEMBER 18TH**  
7pm



**ADVENT SEASON**  
Nov 30th - Dec 21st

# ST. ANDREW'S



## Mission Statement

St Andrew's church of Timberlea (serving the BLT area) strives to be a caring, welcoming, friendly congregation reflecting the love of Christ in one another and the wider community, proclaiming Christ's gospel by word and deed.

Faith is how we  
live, love and DARE  
to be!

# Sunday School

Christmas Pageant: a BIG change this year. The pageant will take place on the Sunday before Christmas, Dec 21st during the 10:30am worship time. The change is mainly to make it easier for our Sunday school families to come and enjoy the performances of our students without the stress and hectic family and work schedules many have on Christmas Eve. Come and relax, and enjoy!

We have also adopted the outstanding "The Whole People of God" curriculum. It's a week by week program of high quality that focuses on the bible stories for each Sunday, along with music and crafts aimed at helping children understand those stories in their day to day life. It's a great balance of faith, creativity, learning and fun.

# Recent Events

The Blessing of the Animals went amazingly well! We had 7 dogs and 1 cat attend with their humans, along with many folks who brought pictures of their companions, as well as pictures of well loved animals no longer with us, but to be blessed and remembered. It was one Sunday when all God's creatures really did have a place in the choir! And the children enjoyed a talk about the Mi'kmaq legend of how the crow's feathers lost their colours, to give colour and beauty back to a world that was dark.

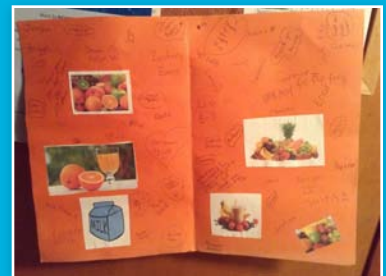
Our Server's Group has begun! We have 9 young people in training, with a total of 15 servers in all!

Confirmation Class has begun! We have 5 youth ages 15+ who are looking to be confirmed in May 2015.

The Halloween Potluck & Dance were a lot of fun. About 50 people attended the potluck, many in costume, and the kids had a parade with prizes. And of course the food was yummy! The following Sunday folks were invited to don their costumes for church, and some were indeed very much in that spirit!

Remembrance Sunday was a very special event this year. Members of our local Legion attended, ushered in by a retired RCMP officer in red surge as flag bearer, and followed by Air Cadets, and reps from our Guides, Sparks, Brownies and Pathfinders. We observed Last Post, the placement of wreaths and a solo of In Flanders Fields. A children's talk involved giving youth paper cranes, a symbol of peace, to be placed at cenotaphs, and also on video games at home to remind them not to play war games on Remembrance Day.

Pic 1: Remembrance Day in the church hall.



Pic 2: Halloween Potluck and kids in costume.

Pic 3: a thank you card for St. Andrew's support from the BLT Breakfast Program, signed by students.

## Children's Christmas Shopping!!!

On Saturday Dec 13th we invite any and all youth of every age to shop for their families and friends! The hall will be set up with tables full of new gifts and though many are of greater value, all gifts will be less than \$5. It's a great chance for kids to find something nice for someone they care about, very inexpensively. It begins at 9am and finishes at noon. These gifts have been collected all year and we are looking forward to seeing youth find something special for someone special.

## New Groups

Devotion in Motion (Dance and Drama Troupe): we have been very blessed to have a group of highly skilled dancers from among our youth who are creating productions to be performed in church. They are guided by Lisa Hart, the Owner/Director of the Dartmouth Dance Academy. We have already enjoyed a solo performance by our youngest member, Jocelyn LeBlanc and are looking forward to their first performance as a group at the 6:30pm Christmas Eve service when they will present, "The Nativity."

Youth Leader Screening: anyone, whether a youth or adult who takes roles of leadership and responsibility in our programs must complete our "Care to Screen" process before being allowed to be responsible for our young people. This includes a criminal background check and an SOR check. We cannot be careful enough with the safety of our youth and this is an important part of making a safer church.

## Upcoming Events

Blue Christmas: on Thursday Dec 18th at 7pm, St. Andrew's will be having our Blue Christmas service. This is intended for any and all who find Christmas a difficult season to experience. For some, it's about facing Christmas without someone they love, who has passed away. For some, it's about changes in life that are keenly felt this time of the year. For some it's about feeling lonely, depressed, or being at a point in life when the sense of being surrounded by family and friends isn't as hoped or remembered. Come be with us, as we gather as a family of faith to support and strengthen one another in our struggles and journeys.

## Fundraising

Turkey Dinner!! Saturday, Nov 29th from 4:30-6:30pm at the St. Andrew's Church Hall. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, children ages 5-12 are \$6 and under the age of 5yrs are free. A lot of work and good cooking have gone into a wonderful meal! We hope to see you there! Bring your appetite!

Recycling Bottles: we have a St. Andrew's account at the Timberlea recycling depot, and hope that folks might ask the attendants to put their returns on this account. This could be a significant fund raiser over a period of a year, and every little bit helps!

Fundsript: this is a fantastic and easy fundraiser! How it works: you order gift cards for anything you normally shop for, like groceries or gas, or specific shopping from any of the dozens of participating stores, and St. Andrew's receives a small percentage, paid by the company, not you. So for example if you purchase \$100 of groceries each week from Sobey's or Superstore, just order that amount in gift cards. The church receives a 2% to 10% commission on every dollar depending on the store. Again it costs you nothing more than the amount you need for the card you want. A number of parishes in our diocese do this, and in the run of a year easily raise a few thousand dollars with very little effort. It makes a big difference. If you would like to see a full list of stores (there is literally everything from gas stations, to grocery stores, hardware, fast food chains, clothing stores, restaurants, many of the big name franchises here in our area) or order gift cards in any amount, just contact one of our wardens and they will take care of you. Turn around time is one week.

## Special Events Calendar

Nov 30th Beginning the Angel Tree (ceramic Angels placed on a tree in memory of loved ones). The angels are sold at the cost of \$5.00 each and placed on the tree during the Advent season. The names are read at the 4:00pm and the 11:00pm Christmas Eve services.

Nov 30th Advent begins! The lighting of the Advent Wreath, and some very beautiful and relevant candle lighting litanies will be happening each Sunday.

Dec 13th Children's Christmas Shopping Event 10am till noon at the church hall.

Dec 18th Blue Christmas Service 7pm at St. Andrew's

Dec. 21st Sunday School Christmas Pageant 10:30am service

Dec 24th Christmas Eve Services 4pm BAS Eucharist

6:30pm Special Youth lead Service with Devotion in Motion  
presenting "The Nativity"

11pm Eucharist & Christmas Vigil

Dec 28th Lessons & Carols Service 10:30am at St. Andrew's with guest organist Alan Thomas

Jan 18th our first Baptism Anniversary 10:30am at St. Andrew's.

Jan 20th St. Andrew's will be hosting the World Day of Prayer for Christian Unity at 7pm. This is an ecumenical service involving our two local Baptist churches, the United and Roman Catholic Churches and our Anglicans. The theme is "Water" and the prayers, music and message will be connected by that theme. Everyone is invited!

