

Update for the Website for last 20 months:

With the departure of the Rev. Judith Visser in the summer of 2014, the congregation requested the appointment of a ministry team: the Rev. Catherine Somerville (who started September 1, 2014) and the Rev. Dr. William (Bill) Steadman (who started October 1, 2014). The two ministers job-share one position. Catherine has a focus on pastoral care (including Connex support), community support, outreach, committee support, member of the St. Andrew's Place Board, and worship leadership (including preaching once a month); Bill has a focus of study group, worship leadership (including preaching three times a month), stewardship and financial committee support, outreach, and assisting in pastoral care. Both attend Church Council meetings and Presbytery meetings, as well as the Downtown Churches meetings. Catherine has a special focus on the support of the APANO program (Aboriginal Peoples Alliance of Northern Ontario); Bill works with the United Church EDGE network as well as HealthierChurch.org on congregational support issues. Both regularly support the programs of Club 111 Seniors Group that is housed in St. Andrew's Place.

Catherine has lived in Sudbury for almost 25 years, serving in a variety of positions, most recently as Personnel Minister of Manitou Conference for five years, and Bill returned to St. Andrew's after a 9 years hiatus while he served the General Council office of the United Church and did some pastoral supply work in the Kitchener-Waterloo-Thornhill region of southern Ontario.

Since the arrival of the ministry team, the congregation has seen a renewed energy around ministry with children and youth. The congregation has sponsored several youth to attend regional and national events; children continue to have a presence in worship, including involvement in the monthly communion services.

The congregation also has taken a renewed interest in connecting with our downtown neighbours, including work with APANO and a desire to help find a downtown drop-in location for Noah's Space. Each June a barbeque is held with the Downtown Churches for people in the core of the city (June 8, 2016 was the most recent one), and the congregation holds a community party around the annual Santa Claus Parade in November. The Out of the Cold hot meal program runs on Friday evenings from late October or early November through mid-April, in cooperation with other congregations and community groups. The congregation ran its first Community Kitchen program in the winter of 2015, and has been running ever since. Initial funding for this program came from a Sudbury Presbytery grant made possible through an endowment set-up from the sale of St. Paul's United Church in Sudbury.

St. Andrew's is known for its rich and diverse music program led by Dr. Robert Hall. Throughout the year numerous events are held in the beautiful sanctuary space, such as community concerts, Royal Conservatory of Music concerts and examinations, and events sponsored by the congregation or led by the music director.

St. Andrew's United is located in St. Andrew's Place, which housed the Laurentian School of Architecture from 2013-2016 while the school awaited the completion of its permanent building. Current tenants include Kuppajo, a very busy coffee bar/deli which provides light meals for both Place tenants and downtown workers, shoppers, students and other downtown. The Nickel Range Hair Salon is still located in the Place, as well as the Downtown Business Improvement Association, ergoCentric, a local office furniture company, and Réseau ACCESS Network, which provides services for people living with HIV/AIDS.