

SUBMISSION POLICY

Submissions will normally be in the range of ½ of a 5 ½ by 8 ½ inch page. **All submissions must be received by the Office no later than the 2nd last Sunday of every month.** Every submission will be edited and approved by the Minister before appearing in the **Inspire**.

Submissions will be received by e-mail or hand/type-written. No verbal submissions will be accepted. Submissions may be handed in to the Office or placed in the **Inspire** mail slot.

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The Minister will act as content editor as well and will make all decisions as to which information is suitable for inclusion. These decisions will be based on suitability as well as availability of space. Privacy is a common concern these days. It will be policy to only publish congregational news that is submitted by the individual it concerns or that individual's family member. No third party submissions will be accepted.



Welcome 'Home'!

As you begin to return from your summer routine and begin the more 'normal' one that September and the months that follow bring, I wonder if you get the same sense of homecoming that I do when it comes to your church family. When I hosted the Coffee Parties last spring, the word "home" was often reflected as one talked about their experience of St. Andrew's. I'm looking forward to seeing faces that I haven't seen in months and hearing of their summertime adventures. It will be good to reunite under a common purpose as the work of the church ignites anew without the distraction of upcoming vacations. Sadly, those are now a long way off for some of us (too depressing... sorry). Regardless, I hope you feel that 'homecoming' spirit in the same way I do as we begin a new year at St. Andrew's.

Some exciting things are already planned for this fall and I'm sure that other happenings will come together as the weeks pass. First, we are welcoming a familiar face to our pastoral staff at St. Andrew's this September in Karen Dimock. Karen will be starting as our first Student Minister under our new staffing model. Karen's area of interest and learning will be primarily pastoral care but will also include worship and mission. One area that we will not see Karen will be in the Church School or Youth programs as she has had significant experience in these ministries in the past. I hope that you will help Karen to grow and learn as she ministers among us and will offer her and her family the love and support that they will need as she navigates through this year.

Events to look forward will include the following:

i. **'A Moment in Time'**. On Sunday October 7th, we will collect all the memorabilia of the day including photos and CDs and send it to the national archives of The Presbyterian Church in Canada as

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a way of marking 'A Moment in Time' in the life of the church. This 'time capsule' will be held so that future generations can see how we worshipped and praised God at the turn of this century. I can only imagine what worship might look like 50 or 100 years from now.

ii. **Who Is Our Neighbour? Looking at Islam Today.** Planning is afoot to host a conference on Islam at St. Andrew's on Saturday October 27th. The lineup of guest speakers and topics for discussion look superb and will be of great interest to anyone curious about Islam as it relates to our current global context.

iii. **The 2nd Annual 'Christmas Comes Early' Dinner.** More details will follow but be careful in booking your calendar for anything in the first weekend of December as you might miss one of the best nights out in Guelph.

Finally, prior to the summer break the Session formed a 180th Anniversary Team to plan our celebrations for this momentous occasion. It is my hope that this Team may also look beyond the party to ways in which St. Andrew's might make their 180th a 'turn around' kind of year. This turn around or completing a '180' is tied with a Biblical call to 'turn around' from the things that weigh us down or take us in directions that lead us further away from God's purpose for our lives. Perhaps there are things in the life of our congregation that we need to turn away from and commit ourselves to going in a new direction. With God's help, our '180' will lead us deeper in our relationships with God, our neighbours, and our friends and family in Christ. And it is my hope that in the years to come more people will say that St. Andrew's is a great place to come 'home' to.

Rev. John

FOOD DRIVE

One Sunday of each month has been designated Food Drive Sunday. **September 9th will be the next date** (please mark this Sunday on your calendar as a reminder.) All food collected is given to the Guelph Food Bank and Chalmers Food Pantry. While all donations are welcome, each month there will be a suggestion for the 'food of the month' – **September is 'small canned goods' month.** A cash donation would also be greatly appreciated. (You may use 3rd line on Offering Envelope). The Outreach Committee



Friday Brown Bag continues...

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom



Join us on September 28th for conversation around a popular work of fiction and a brown bag lunch (coffee and tea provided). We will meet in the Church Parlour at 12:15 p.m. and will conclude our time together no later than 1:15pm. The conversation will be

led by The Rev. John Borthwick. All are welcome, and unlike most Book Clubs reading the book is not a requirement!

Pre-registration is not required.

(The book being read at the October gathering will be "The Attack" by Yasmina Khadra).

The Friday Brown Bag is expanding into the evening this fall with **Good Food, Good Book, and Good Nite.** Join us for a **great dinner** and excellent conversation. Call your babysitter, board the dog, feed the fish because the last Friday of the month you're 'booked'.



Our *PREMIÈRE* evening is on **Friday Sept. 28th at 6:30pm.** Reservations are necessary. **R.S.V.P. the Church Office (519.822.4772) by September 21st** to 'book' your spot around the table. There is no cost to attend. We will be discussing Mitch Albom's Tuesdays with Morrie. And as is tradition with the FBB, reading the book is not a requirement. Hope to see you there.

For more information, please contact Rev. John.

Thank You!

- The Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation for help and donations for the Saturday Night Supper on August 18th. Without your help it would not be possible for us to be part of this important endeavour. The next supper will be held on November 10th - details to follow.
- A sincere thank you to all those who prayed for my father and wished him well. The good news is that the cancer was contained and no radiation was needed. He is very happy with the results and very relieved. Penny Devries
- Sincere thanks to all those who supported the African Night Dinner and entertainment. Over \$865 was raised for the Well Project. Special thanks to our cook, Muna, and the young people, who helped to serve, clean up and perform. Mary Rife

Back on 'Trail'

I hope you've been reading ahead over the summer because beginning on **Sunday September 16th**, we are back on The Trail (The Bible Trail that is). For those who are new to our congregation, The Bible Trail was launched last September as a way of increasing our understanding of our sacred scriptures. Our plan is to read, discuss and hear sermons on every book of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation over two and a half years. We've completed Year One and after our summer break we are back on track with the Prophet Isaiah. The **Thursday Morning Trail Party begins on Sept. 13th with Isaiah**. We start at 10:00am and depending on discussion conclude around 11:15am. Hope to see you there. If you are interested in starting your own Trail Party, let us know so that we can advertise it and get others on The Trail. Keep on trekin'.



MARK OCTOBER 20th ON YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Plan to attend this evening of fun and laughter for the whole family. You can see the silent movies of Laurel and Hardy as they originally would have been seen -- with live organ accompaniment. Organist Ian Sadler will bring his unique form of old-style entertainment to St. Andrew's sanctuary on Saturday October 20, 2007. All proceeds to the African Well Project.

Missions Committee

JOYS AND CONCERNS

We celebrate with:

- Brad and Jacinda Wallace whose daughter Naomi was welcomed into the world on August 6th. Our congratulations and best wishes to the whole family.
- Doreen and Don Kennedy who will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 6th. Our best wishes to you both.

We express our sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Janice Rafter who died on July 17th. Our condolences and prayers are with you.
- The family and friends of Evelyn Clark. Evelyn had been at the Lapointe-Fisher Nursing home for a number of years and died there on July 18th.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

The Congregational Life Committee would be pleased to have you join the group if fellowship is your area of interest. We need organizers, visionaries and folks who can step us and wash dishes as needed. The mandate of the committee is to support ongoing activities, and to develop new opportunities, that promote fellowship. Meetings are held about four times each year, but members attend and work at most fellowship events. These are the folks who are first in (setting tables) and last out (putting dishes away). Actually, what sounds like work is often a fellowship opportunity for the members and friends.



Important dates for your church calendar:

Sunday, October 7, 2007

Like all Presbyterian congregations across Canada, St. Andrew's will be participating in ***A Moment in Time; A National Church Gathering Project for the Year of the Sabbath, 2006 - 2007.*** Our special day to capture the spirit of St. Andrew's will take place on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 7, 2007. All of this Sunday's activities will be recorded and forwarded to our national church archives in Toronto where they will be sealed for 50 years. Among the materials we plan to submit are copies of our church bulletin and newsletter, a tape of our service, pictures of Sunday school classes and our church building and grounds, notes about study groups and committee meetings that day, and a **congregational picture.** We will take this picture in the sanctuary right after the service, so please plan to stay for a few extra minutes after the service. More reminders to follow. Bill McKinnie.

Saturday, October 27, 2007

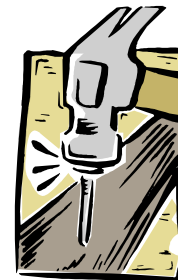
On this day St. Andrew's will be hosting a seminar on ***Who is our Neighbour? Looking at Islam Today.*** The purpose of the seminar is to provide members of St. Andrew's and other churches and groups an opportunity to learn more about Islam and seriously consider our relationship as Christians with our neighbours. Members of the Islamic community will be present and they will be giving three presentations. Some of the topics they plan to discuss are: a brief history and basic tenets of Islam, Islam and Christianity, the role of women in Islam, Islam and the Middle East, Islamic law and jihad, and the Muslim community in Guelph through the eyes of a female university student.. There will be time for discussion and sharing of ideas. The seminar will run from 9:00 to 2:00 with lunch provided. More information to follow. Karen Dimock and Bill McKinnie.

MISSION CAPSULES: Ukraine

Our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing ... provide support for David Pandy-Szekeres as he works with Reformed Church of the Sub-Carpathian Ukraine (RCCU). As supervisor of External Missions and Director of Schools, David coordinates four Christian secondary schools as well as a team of missionaries

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

St. Andrew's Board of Managers has been active throughout the summer months - several large restoration and maintenance projects have been undertaken and are either completed or nearing completion. The highlights are:



1) In June, the Church Hall Roof was replaced with a new steel roof by DLD Roofing. The steel shingles are manufactured to provide a dark, slate-like appearance. Installed with a 50-year guarantee, this item is now crossed off our "Wish List".

2) Throughout June, July and August, a small and dedicated army of St. Andrew's volunteers has been very busy repairing the window frames of the second-floor of the CE wing, facing Norfolk Street. Many thanks to Jim Fountain, Steven French, John McAllister, Bill McKinnie, Jim Rife, Ross Rowat and Stewart Blair for the hours and effort that went into scraping, cleaning, patching, painting and installing protective covering caps for the window sills. Glen Duff has also offered his services for this project.

3) As well, Burpee Stone Masonry of Rockwood completed the repointing of the steeple interior recently. However, several St. Andrew's volunteers, particularly John McAllister, Ross Rowat and Jim Rife, are still busy scraping and cleaning the eight louvre vent sections in the steeple walls - after they were removed and lowered to ground level. This part of the restoration project should be finished in a few weeks. The entire project will be crossed off our "Wish List" before Thanksgiving 2007.

4) During summer season, the flower beds and shrubbery have been - and are being - maintained by another group of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteer "Garden Helpers": Janet Dalglish, Peter DeVries, Nancy Evans, Gwen Gooyers, Ainslie McIsaac, Mari Millar, Jim Rife, Mary Rife and the Nicol family - David, Nancy, Gregory and Benjamin. Special thanks to Don Kennedy and his truck for several trips of taking yard waste to the Wet/Dry facilities. Special thanks also to Roger Tschanz for the donation of annuals for the flower beds. Throughout the summer, the flower beds were blooming, colourful and attractive, thanks to the regular care and maintenance by these volunteer gardeners. Watch for more news in the October issue of The Inspire!

Mary Visser Kerr

MEN'S BREAKFAST AT ST. ANDREW'S

**You are invited to join the men of the Congregation on
Saturday mornings**

in the Church Hall at 8.30 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2007 - OCTOBER 20, 2007

NOVEMBER 17, 2007

Enjoy a delicious breakfast (\$7.00) catered by Zena, followed by a short program. Our guest speakers will present us with interesting insights and challenges. This is an excellent opportunity for you to share in fellowship with the men of our Church family.

You will find sign up sheets in the Church Information Centre.

MESSAGE FROM STUDENT MINISTER, KAREN DIMOCK

Wow, the days are getting shorter and even cooler. Almost time to get back to school and again it is hard to believe that I will be starting my final year at Knox College. I have really enjoyed and been thankful for the support and encouragement of this congregation over the last two years and am looking forward to be back in the St, Andrew's community this year as a student minister. Some of the areas I anticipate being involved are in Pastoral Care and visiting, planning and participation in worship, small group or bible study leadership and community outreach. See you in September!

Karen Dimock

In the Event of Emergency

You can leave messages on the church office phone anytime. Messages are checked regularly including on weekends. In a pastoral emergency, please call your elder, pastoral care worker or a session member and/or leave a phone message with the church and the minister will return your call as soon as possible.

SECRET FRIEND PROGRAM

Can you name all the children in our church family? Here is a great opportunity to get to know the kids better. During the month of September, photos and short biographies of our church kids will appear on the youth bulletin board. Adults will have the opportunity to choose a child that they would like to get to know better and 'adopt' him or her as a secret friend. Children and adults will write notes, share artwork or small treats, and pray for one another for the next three months, October to December. In January, we will get together all the adults and children for a potluck meal and intergenerational activities.

Hopefully, after the secret friends have been revealed in January, the participants would continue sharing their lives and hopes and continue to pray for one another and to established strong relationships in our church family.

Watch the youth board in the church hall or call Mary Rife at 822-7858 for details or if you would like to participate.

Thanks, Mary Rife

FAREWELL - it's been good to know you!



The time has come for me to say 'goodbye' to all my Christian family at St. Andrew's. The past twelve years have been truly exciting (especially the nine years with Jim) in Guelph. The waves of Georgian Bay and the Blue Mountains of Collingwood have beckoned me back and I look forward to my new home and life there (#10 Clubhouse Drive, Collingwood, ON L9Y 4Z6). I shall

hold fond memories of all those I worked close with on Christian Education Committee, Welcome Committee, Search Committee, Parlour Committee, Morning's Light, Alpha, Ushers, A.K.D. and lately 'Connectors' (Pastoral Care). I am especially grateful to those who opened their hearts and homes to me for coffee/lunch/dinner the past three years I have been alone. It meant far more to me than I can ever express. To the spiritual guidance and shepparding I have received under Rev. John Borthwick, Dr. Vern Tozer and the late Dr. Peter Darch, the first priority of my attending St. Andrew's. I can only thank them and thank God for their faithfulness. Fondly, Marjorie Reynard

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

At the beginning of the year, an Ad-hoc Congregational Care Team was considering how to strengthen our church community by a new linkage of personal connections.

Existing connectors (some elders and pastoral care workers) were brought together as the foundation of a new initiative to ensure that eventually, everyone associated with St. Andrew's would have a friendship connection to the church.

Others have become involved, and we have been enormously encouraged by the level of support for 'connecting'. We thank everyone who has agreed to participate, and all who have graciously received them.

The Team was affirmed with a mandate from Session in May. Two connector 'Plug-In' workshops have been held in March and June, with another planned for November 24th.

More connections are needed ... would you like to help, beginning by linking with just one or two households?

Are we meeting need? ... would you like to share your ideas with us?

Contact: Catharine Johnston 519-824-7158

Janet Dalgleish: janet.dalgleish@sympatico.ca

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Creating a Caring Community of Faith.*

HELP US BY SAVING YOUR:

Used Postage Stamps – for Leprosy Relief

Campbell's Soup Labels – for Education Programs

Zehrs Cash Register Tapes – to convert to cash

Aluminum Cans - to Habitat for Humanity

Canadian Tire Gas Receipts - these gas receipts can be redeemed at Sobeys for groceries. *Please be aware that there is an expiry date on these receipts.*

All of the above can be placed in the appropriate slots in the container at the Welcome Centre and the Aluminum Cans placed in the appropriate holder in the Church Hall

SIXTY YEARS WITH GOD'S HELP

Sunday afternoon, May 27, 2007, proved to be a momentous occasion for the Brisbins who shared with one and all their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary.

Anniversary

Their joy and warmth of Christian fellowship on that day reflecting the influence of Helen's parents, Rev. Charles and Ellen MacDonald. Helen's father conducted the marriage in Lucknow, Ontario, on May 27, 1947 when quiet, reserved, Jim Brisbin took Helen for his wife.

On May 27 2007 their family of two girls and one boy were accompanied by representatives of three generations, viz. six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Our church hall resounded with the warmth and joy of two people joined in marriage who awakened each morning with their lives in God's hands helping them to do better day by day. Scottie Laughlin

Helen and Jim Brisbin wish to thank our friends and church family for their warm wishes and support of the African Well Project (\$2,000) when you helped us celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. Not only did you contribute to our happiness, but you are participating in making a better life for many people. A sincere Thank you to the W.M.S. for the excellent catering.

God bless you all. Helen and Jim Brisbin

LET US KNOW

As a community of faith, we suffer when one of our members is suffering. Sometimes we do not know when one of our members would like a visit in hospital, or as they recover at home. Unfortunately, many times we find out that our members have been hospitalised or are ill at home – only long after they have recovered.

If you are in the hospital or sick, please make sure that we at the Church Office know, so that the minister can visit. With new confidentiality laws in effect, the best way for us to find out that you are in need of a visit is for you or your family to tell us directly.

Rev. John Borthwick

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary". William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

DID YOU KNOW?

The church office can supply you with the following additional services that may make your worship experience more meaningful:

- a compact disc copy of the Sunday Service is available for pick up, delivery or mailing
- you can listen to the Minister's meditation on the church's website at www.standrewsguelph.com
- copy of 'The Inspire' can be mailed to you monthly or by e-mail as well as available on the Internet
- if attendance at church is difficult, you may want to receive a monthly mailing of all worship service material.
- if you are travelling for any extended length of time you can have material mailed or e-mailed to you
- a large print copy of the hymns can be made available weekly in your family folder
- large print copies of most church publications can be made available.

If any of these services are of interest to you, please contact May Goodwin in the Church Office (519-822-4772) to make arrangements. May would also be interested in hearing more ideas of how the Church Office can assist you.

MISSION CAPSULES

Justice Ministries: Kairos' Anti Poverty Program

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing ...* help support KAIROS' anti-poverty fund and Presbyterian churches working in partnership with low-income citizens in our communities. A UNICEF report on child poverty in industrialized countries. ranks Canada 19th out of 26 OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) countries; 1 in 6 children live in poverty in Canada. God's abundance is to be shared by all. With our help, poverty in Canada can be reduced.

BREAKAWAY BEGINS AGAIN

Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Breakaway is a morning bible study group for women. We welcome women of **all ages** who are interested in fellowship and study. Childcare with play, singing, stories, games and snacks are provided for preschool age children.

This year Breakaway study is called *Building Better Relationships*. This Bible study offers the skills we need to build quality relationships on the job, at school or church, in the family, and elsewhere. It even covers the often undesirable but necessary skills for forgiveness and conflict resolution.

It combines insight from authors, biblical study, and mentally stimulating questions and quotes. It is an interactive study that will challenge you to take a look at the strengths and weaknesses of our own relationships and come up with specific action steps to strengthen and deepen them.

Come for a break from your usual routine, any Wednesday morning. If you need further information, contact Sharon Duff (519-856-9935) or the church office (519-822-4772).