



# nonamenews

st. andrew's presbyterian church  
December 18, 2005

## CELEBRATE!

At times I find it strange that we celebrate the birth in Bethlehem with such opulence. The way we feast and party seems at odds with the quiet unassuming way He came into the world. In celebration of Jesus, who lived simply with few possessions, how can we justify the scale of giving and receiving? I am consoled by the thought that perhaps our extravagance makes some sense as we remember the extravagance of God's love shown in this birth, the life of teaching and in the death and resurrection. The love of God was shown to us when we were sinners. Forgiveness was offered to us before we changed our ways, and a new relationship with our Creator made possible before we recognized we needed it. This is indeed amazing and wonderful news and worth celebrating. It is good news to share with all people. It is my hope that the true meaning of Christmas be evident in all our celebrations. And may I extend to every person and every family at St. Andrew's a Christmas blessing:

**May the joy and love of Christ's birth captivate us.  
May the reality of God's love astound us and fill us  
with wonder.**

**May Christ be born anew in each of us, to transform  
our lives with love.**

## RING IN CHRISTMAS: Handbell Concert

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

7:00 p.m. Family Worship Service      11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion

## CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

10:30 a.m. Family Worship Service with Sacrament of  
Baptism

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#### Sunday Services

10:30 a.m.

**PRESBYTERIAN CALENDARS FOR 2006** are available for \$3. The theme of the calendar is "Preparing for the Sabbath". These calendars are being sold by the Women's Missionary Society or are available from the Church Office.

### HANDBELL CHRISTMAS

The highlight of our Christmas bell ringing season will be our concert "Ring in Christmas" at St. Andrew's **TODAY (Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>)** at 3:00 p.m. We look forward to entertaining our audience with our Christmas music.

Catharine Johnston, Handbell Choir



### OFFERING ENVELOPES – 2006

Your set of envelopes for next year are available today. A table will be set up in the Church Hall near the piano and we would appreciate your picking up your envelopes during December coffee hours.

Jim Rife, Treasurer

### 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 workers or a session member and/or leave a phone message with the church and one of the ministers will return your call as soon as possible.

### 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, please make sure that we at the Church Office know so that the ministers 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. Jan Hazlett and Rev. John Borthwick



## AIDS AWARENESS WEEK Put Compassion First

St. Andrew's marked AIDS Awareness Week in a variety of ways. First, The Rev. John Borthwick was able to attend the First Annual AIDS Symposium sponsored by the AIDS Committee of Guelph-Wellington (ACG). The topics included the criminalization of HIV, HIV medicines and street drugs, and the effects of Crystal Meth in the spread of HIV. It was an interesting day. On Saturday evening, approximately 40 people gathered in the Church Hall for the Mission Committee's first ever Film Night. The film was the critically acclaimed *A Closer Walk*. The documentary told the story of HIV and AIDS throughout the globe. It was a powerful film that provided our guest speaker, The Rev. Dr. Richard Fee with a number of places to expand on the subject of the Presbyterian Church and the AIDS pandemic. We were pleased to have B.J. Caldwell, Education Coordinator for the ACG in attendance to add his knowledge and expertise to the discussion. On Sunday morning, Rick Fee (former Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, former Director of PWS&D and current General Secretary for the Life and Mission Agency) was our pulpit guest. His message encouraged us all to consider HIV and AIDS as a challenge to how we reach out with compassion to the least in our society and world. Finally, the Hockey Night for AIDS silent auction came to a close with over \$350 being raised for the ACG. Thanks for your support in raising awareness for AIDS locally and globally.

John Borthwick on behalf of the Missions Committee.

### WHY I LIKE TEACHING CHURCH SCHOOL

I have been a Church School teacher for six years since Rev. Joyce asked me and I've been teaching Young Children and Worship and Following Jesus. The reason I like teaching is that I get to meet the young children, guests and their families. I am also learning as the children learn, and I like to see the excitement on their faces when they hear a new story.

I also like the children's honesty – they will remind you if you make a mistake and some of the answers they give are priceless! I am grateful for the opportunity to help, in some small way, to shape their faith.

David Nicol



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SESSION MEETING

1. Session approved a privacy policy and a privacy statement for use at St. Andrew's.
2. Considered budgets of the various session committees to be presented at the annual meeting.
3. Agreed to form a small committee to study the document, *Eldership @ St. Andrew's: A Manual*, to report to Session in January.
4. Agreed to form a committee, the Ad. Hoc. Human Resources Team, to review the needs of the ministers, music director and church administrator as relates to compensation, working environment and/or role within the congregation. The committee will have one member from each of the congregation, Board of Managers and Session
5. Vision and Opportunities Fund presentation by Bob Ireland. New brochure was accepted. The congregation was updated on November 27<sup>th</sup> following the worship service

## MORNING'S LIGHT

*"A Breakfast Event for Women" and a time to develop friendships and strengthen our lives as women in Christ's world.*

? **Saturday, January 7, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.**

? St. Andrew's Church Hall

**(Note the change of location)**

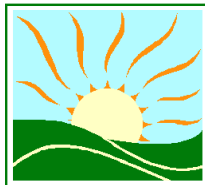
? Come and enjoy a full breakfast for only \$8

? Guest Speaker: Ruth Barnett

? Topic: Out of Africa

? To register, use the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Centre or contact the Church Office at 822-4772

? For more information, or if you need transportation, please call: Diane Blair 824-4908, Sharon Ireland 767-0114, Kay Runions 824-5821, or Bette Tough 766-9397.



## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Anne and Don Endicott would like you to know that they have moved to Unit 204 – 19 Woodlawn Avenue East.



## CORE YOUTH UPDATE

First of all I would like to extend a great big thank you to all the volunteers who supplied food and donated money for our annual semi-formal Christmas dinner. This was held on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church. It was a great event that was attended by over 45 youth.

Our Mad Science night was a lot of fun and went off with a BANG! On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the junior youth held a humbugathon where we made evergreen swags and ate gingerbread cookies. Bah humbug! The senior youth held a penny rally on that same night. They came back with a lot of unusual things, including a stuffed hamster and a bed!

The small group Bible studies are still continuing and are being well attended.

We will be ending this year with a night out at the movies. We have a lot of exciting things planned for the coming New Year including the retreats, laserquest, Africa and AIDS awareness night, a worship night with a rockin' band and lots of other neat activities. Stay tuned. Make sure you check out the youth board in the church hall or go to the St. Andrew's website under youth for the latest calendar of events. If you would like to be on our emailing list contact me at [handerson40@hotmail.com](mailto:handerson40@hotmail.com).

On behalf of Dan Scott and myself we wish you a very happy Christmas filled with love and joy. See you in the New Year!  
Heather Anderson

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, January 21, at 8:30 a.m.**

We extend a cordial invitation to you to join with the men of St. Andrew's for warm fellowship and a delicious breakfast catered by Zena and Andrew of the Cafe Chopin for only \$6.75



? The Speaker: Norm McLeod

Chief Librarian, City of Guelph

**Be sure to sign up in the Church Hall or call the Church Office (822-4772) and ask May to add your name to the list.**

*A warm welcome awaits you at St. Andrew's.*

## HELP US BY SAVING YOUR :

**Used Postage Stamps** – for Leprosy Relief

**Campbell's Soup Labels** – Education Programs

**Ultra Cash Register Tapes** – convert to cash

**Canadian Tire Gas Receipts** - These gas receipts can be redeemed at Sobeys for groceries. Please give the receipts to Jim Rife. Jim has graciously agreed to purchase the groceries for use at Chalmers Food Pantry. Please be aware that there is an expiry date on these receipts.

**Zehrs Cash Register Tapes** – convert to cash

### Raising Money through your Zehrs Tapes

A total of \$219,000 worth of Zehrs Grocery receipts have been collected with the resulting \$500 donation for St. Andrew's programs. Thank you, Jim Rife

*All of the above can be placed in the appropriate slots in the container at the Welcome Centre.*

### Joys and Concerns

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

The **Secord Family** on the death of Norman Secord.

The **Fisher Family** on the death of Abbie Fisher.

### MEMBER UPDATE FORM NOW ONLINE

You can now go online to update the information which is kept by the church office. If you change your address or have a new baby, etc., you can let the church office know by going online at our website: [www.standrewsquelp.com](http://www.standrewsquelp.com) and completing the appropriate confidential form which goes directly to the church administrator.



### FOOD DRIVE

The first Sunday of each month (**January 1st**) has been designated Food Drive Sunday. All food collected is given to the Guelph Food Bank and Chalmers Food Pantry. A cash donation

would also be greatly appreciated. (You may use 3<sup>rd</sup> line on Offering Envelope)

### BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT

At the December 8, 2005 meeting, the Board of Managers discussed and made decisions on a number of items relating to the St. Andrew's properties.

#### Highlights:

*Rental Properties:* The 14 apartments and the Manse are all rented and occupied.

*Snow Removal - Parking Lots:* St. Andrew's has contracted with a new company for the 2005-2006 winter season to plow and salt the parking lots and Manse driveway. If you have any concerns or praises, please direct these to Property Committee member John McAllister -- having one person as our "authorized contact" with the snow removal company helps deal with matters efficiently.

*Church Building:* (a) Three major projects on the *Long-term Restoration Plan - Overview* presented at the February 2005 Annual Meeting are now "number 1 priority" items, anticipated for completion in 2006:

- (1) Steeple Interior Restoration and Repair
- (2) Slate Roof Replacement and
- (3) Church Hall Roof Replacement

However, it's critical that funding for each project must be in place before that particular project can proceed. All three projects will be highlighted at the 2006 Annual Meeting, to be scheduled for early in 2006 (late January or early February).

- (b) Installation of Storm windows for the Norfolk Street side of the CE wing is expected to be completed within the year.
- (c) Property Committee is working with Choir representatives to ensure the Choir Room can be ventilated adequately.
- (d) The front vestibule entrance area will require restoration and repairs in 2006 due to water damage experienced within the past month. The Board has already taken action by making required immediate repairs to stop the water leaks, through the efforts and time of St. Andrew's members Stewart Blair and John McAllister and our custodian Andrew Lesniewski, and also is seeking estimates for the remaining repairs.

Mary Visser Kerr, on behalf of the Board of Managers

## MEET DAN SCOTT

Dan Scott is a ministry student from McMaster University, doing his field placement at St. Andrew's. We asked him to write the following about himself:

I grew up near Barrie in a Christian home. My father was my youth leader. He built a sportsman's dream home with a beach volleyball court, a basketball court, fishing pond, horseshoe pits, bow and arrow targets, golf practice net, ping pong table, pool table and a hockey rink. So it is no surprise that when I work with youth I tend to play sports.

My wife Kara hails from Scotland where we were married (and, yes, I did wear a kilt). We have a two year old daughter, Heather.

I have been attending McMaster Divinity College for the past three years and have worked with First Baptist Church and Core Youth Group for the last two years. I took this past summer to student minister in some Scottish pulpits and learned a lot about the culture, pastoral care and preaching. I am excited to be a student here at St. Andrew's. My goals are to learn about the Presbyterian Church, develop further youth leadership skills and generally be active at St. Andrew's. Kara, Heather and I will be here until May.

Dan Scott

## HISTORIC STONE HOME FOR RENT

Can you help us rent the Manse? Could you pass the word? The manse will be available for rent April 2006: 2000 sq. feet in the heart of downtown, 9 ft. ceilings, 4 large bedrooms, large dining room and living room, spacious office and family room, three bathrooms, main floor laundry and 'mud room', detached garage and plenty of parking. \$1800 per month plus utilities. Call Lisa or Campbell at 822-1831 for more information.

### Session Minutes Available

**There is available a copy of the Session minutes from the most recent meeting.**

**These are housed in the Library in a binder so labeled.**

**Please don't remove the binder from the library.**

Paul Pennock, Clerk of Session.

## DID YOU KNOW?

A neurologist says that if he can get a to a stroke victim within three hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke ... totally! He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed and getting to the patient within three hours. Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

? **1. Ask the individual to SMILE**

? **2. Ask him/her to RAISE BOTH ARMS**

? **3. Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE**

The American Stroke Association says that widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment. Remember these three questions and save a life!

## ST. ANDREW'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Book: Marcus J. Borg (2003)

### **The Heart of Christianity: Discovering a Life of Faith.**

Marcus Borg is Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University and author of several well-known books including *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, and *The God We Never Know*. In *The Heart of Christianity*, Borg focuses on how to be a true Christian in our post-modern world. He rejects the literalist or fundamentalist approach, and looks for new meaning and authenticity in our relationships with God, Jesus, the Bible, and the world around us.

Dates: Last week in April and first four weeks in May.

Day and time to be decided by the group.

Location: 47 Woodborough Road, Guelph  
(Bill & Sheila McKinnie's house)

Cost: \$23.50

Approach: Open, informal and relaxed

Group Size: 8 – 12 people

Preparation: To assist discussion, additional information will be provided about the book.

Contact: Please contact Bill McKinnie at 836-9006, if interested, before January 30, 2006. The McKinnies are heading to warmer location soon after the federal election. You may also contact May Goodwin at the Church Office 822-4772.

## GOOD NEWS IS FOR SHARING

In his book, Good News is for Sharing, Leighton Ford tells the following true story:

*I was speaking to an open-air crusade in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Billy Graham was to speak the next night and had arrived a day early. He came incognito and sat on the grass at the rear of the crowd. Because he was wearing a hat and dark glasses, no one recognized him.*

*Directly in front of him sat an elderly gentleman who seemed to be listening intently to my presentation. When I invited people to come forward as a sign of commitment, Billy decided to do a little personal evangelism. He tapped the man on the shoulder and asked, "Would you like to accept Christ? I'll be glad to walk down with you if you want to." The old man looked him up and down, thought it over for a moment, and then said, "Naw, I think I'll just wait till the big gun comes tomorrow night." Billy and I have had several good chuckles over that incident. Unfortunately, it underlines how, in the minds of many people, evangelism is the task of the "big guns" not the "little shots."*

I laughed and almost cried when I read that story. It points out a reality that tends to be a mindset when it comes to ministry. Many people see "ministry" as something that the "big guns" – the ordained clergy to be about. The lay people – the "little shots" are left somewhere in the dust.

Thank the Lord that Lay Pastors Ministry understands that God's greatest gifts are found in both the lay people and clergy. Working together they form the Body of Christ.

Tom Corbull, President, Lay Pastors Ministry.

**The Outreach Youth Group would like to thank  
the members of the congregation  
who came out to support them in their Christmas  
Presentation on Friday, December 9th.**

## EVANGEL HALL DONATION BOX

**A donation box for Evangel Hall is available in the Church Hall until Christmas Sunday. You are encouraged to look at the Evangel Hall needs list posted on the Missions Bulletin Board in the Hall. The Missions Committee thanks you for your generosity.**

[www.evangelhall.ca](http://www.evangelhall.ca)

## Submission Policy

To read a copy of the Guidelines of the **nonamenews** see the Bulletin Board at the Welcome Centre.

Submissions will normally be no longer than ¼ to ½ of a 5 ½ by 8 ½ inch page. **All submissions must be received by the Office no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> last Sunday of every month.** Every submission will be edited and approved by the Ministerial staff before appearing in the **nonamenews**.

Submissions will be received by e-mail or hand/type-written, no verbal submissions will be accepted. Submissions may be handed into the Church Office or placed in the **nonamenews** mail slot.

All submissions must include the name of the person (or group making the submission). These name(s) will be published in the **nonamenews**. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

The Ministers will act as content editors as well. They 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 the policy of the noname editorial team 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.