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**The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be held at St. Andrew's on the first Sunday of March, June, October and December.**

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**Sunday Services**

10:30 a.m.



## My Neighbour's House Update



We continue to be surprised by the generosity of the Guelph community. Over the last few months, several events have occurred to boost the fundraising efforts of My Neighbour's House. We are deeply encouraged by individuals and couples who have decided make contributing to Habitat a

special part of their personal celebrations. Recently, Rev. John made a presentation to PROBUS, a large group of retired professionals, and was well received. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, Mary Visser Kerr organized the Christmas Gift Wrap at Old Quebec Street to benefit My Neighbour's House. Our thanks to the many volunteers who made the event a great success. In the past few months, several local churches have joined St. Andrew's in pledging or contributing to My Neighbour's House including Duff's Presbyterian, Westminster-St. Paul's Presbyterian, and the Community of Christ on Mitchell Street. This month, Lakeside Bible Church has partnered with St. Andrew's in this venture and will be using some of their multimedia expertise to create a promotional video in the new year. To date, approximately \$15,000 has been raised for My Neighbour's House with another \$10,000 in pledges. We also have several local businesses offering in kind donations as well. It will be a busy new year for My Neighbour's House but we are excited about the possibility of seeing a deserving family move in to the house that faith built next fall.

## Thanksgivings & Concerns

We mourn with family and friends of those who passed away over the last month:

Barbara Pritlove

*'Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.'*

## News and Events

### Christmas Eve @ St. Andrew's

We look forward to seeing you, your family and your friends on Christmas Eve for our special services.



**7:00pm Family Worship featuring...  
our Church School Pageant**

**11:00pm Candlelight Communion**

### Congratulations Rev. Karen Dimock!

On Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>, the Presbytery of Waterloo Wellington ordained Karen Dimock to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments. The service was well attended by Karen's family and friends as well as members of the Presbytery and the congregations of St. Andrew's, Guelph and Morningside High Park Presbyterian in Toronto. Rev. Penny Garrison of St. Giles, Cambridge preached and our own Rev. John Borthwick offered the charge. Rev. Dimock will begin her ministry among the folks of Morningside High Park in early January. It has been a long journey. As a congregation we are sad that Karen, Hugh, Ross, Jamie and Maggie will be leaving us but are overjoyed for the Church knowing that they will be a tremendous blessing to Morningside High Park. Well done, Rev. Karen. We are already penciling you in as Anniversary Sunday speaker in 2010.

### Start the New Year by getting on The Trail



The Bible Trail (our 2 ½ year trek through the Holy Bible) begins again on Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> with 1 & 2 Thessalonians. We will meet on **Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am in the Parlour for our study on these books of the New Testament. Our gatherings continue on Thursdays until Feb.

19<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

## Breakfast @ St. Andrew's

You are welcome to **Breakfast @ St. Andrew's**, an inclusive breakfast program for all ages, genders, and people. Breakfast will be served at 8:30AM in the Church Hall. Our guest speakers will begin just after 9:00AM and we try to conclude around 10:15AM. The cost for a catered traditional breakfast is \$8/person. Suggestions for topics or guest speakers are always welcome. Please contact Rev. John if you know of someone or would like to suggest a topic for discussion. Won't you join us and bring a friend too.



### Upcoming Speakers:

On Saturday **January 17<sup>th</sup>**, we begin our winter/spring season with our own **Margaret Evans**. Margaret will speak about her time in Israel/Palestine last summer.

Her Bio: In the summer of 2008 Margaret participated in a five week exposure tour to the Middle East through the "Canadian Friends of Sabeel". This ecumenical advocacy alliance focuses on human rights issues for Palestinian Christians living in the Middle East. "Sabeel, Jerusalem" holds an annual youth conference which brings together Christian youth from all over the world for 8 days of worship, discussion and presentations on human rights issues. This conference was a main focus of the 5 weeks spent on the exposure tour. Margaret participated in this experience with support from The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PWS&D and *Presbyterians Sharing...*)

**Next Month:** Robin Smart, Education Coordinator for The Alzheimer Society of Guelph Wellington.



## St. Andrew's Forum on Mission and Outreach

**Sat. January 17<sup>th</sup>**

in the Church Hall  
(following Breakfast @ St. Andrew's)  
10:30am – 12:30pm

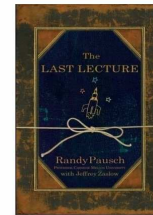
Round Table Discussion

Sign Up at the Welcome Centre

If you can't make this special event but are still interested in participating in St. Andrew's Mission and Outreach initiatives, contact Rev. John.

## Friday Brown Bag...

## & Good Food, Good Book and Good Nite



### THE LAST LECTURE by Randy Pausch

On **Friday January 30<sup>th</sup>**, our book clubs continue at their usual times. **The Brown Bag** starts at 12:15pm in the Parlour and all you are required to bring is yourself and a bag lunch. Rev. John provides the engaging conversation.

**Good Food, Good Book, and Good Nite** begins at 6:30pm in the Parlour. Seating is limited and reservations are necessary. Dinner is provided at cost. There is always a space available for newcomers. As with FBB, reading the book is not a requirement. Rev. John offers leadership at this group too. Please reserve your spot at the table by calling the Church Office (519.822.4772) or for more information, contact Rev. John.

**Upcoming Title for the Book Clubs:** The Shack by William Young (Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>)