

TODAY

The Congregational Life Committee would like to invite you to our bowling and pizza party. We have held this event for some years and it always proves to be a good time for all ages. We will be meeting at the Homewood Health Centre on Delhi Street at 3:30 p.m. for bowling. After bowling, everyone is invited to the Nicol's home at 324 Metcalfe Street for a pizza party. The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Talk to David or Nancy Nicol after the service and let them know that you plan to attend.

LOGO AND NAME CONTEST

There was a great response to the request for ideas for a Name and Logo for the newsletter. Thanks to all the suggestions, we've been inspired to select the title INSPIRE. The logo focuses on our spire with the rooster to show our physical presence and the celtic cross identifies us historically and spiritually (you may also spot the A of Andrew's). This has been a group effort which has incorporated a number of ideas, so there is no one winner of the contest, but out thanks to everyone who contributed suggestions and ideas, many of which focused on the spire with the rooster.

Newsletter Implementation Team

(The above, written by Janet Dalgleish on behalf of the Newsletter Team, only tells part of the story. It was Janet who took all of your ideas and single handedly created the logo you see above.

Thank you, Janet, your team members know the time and effort you put into this and are grateful.)

The 'INSPIRE' is a monthly communication resource of:

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10:30 a.m.

Glen Mhor and Iona ~ Synod Camping

Welcome, everyone, to 2006 and a new beginning for camping in this Synod. This year, both the **Iona** Programme and the **Glen Mhor** Programme will be hosted at the **Baysville** property. The Iona programme is the wilderness programme of the Presbyterian Church where campers spend a week in small, co-ed units learning about themselves and about God's creation in a new and meaningful way. The Glen Mhor programme is a residential programme based on a unit philosophy which provides lots of activity options and daily Bible study and discussion. For information on both of these programmes, or to register for the coming summer, visit www.ilovecamp.org.

Synod Camping Office: 705.767.3300 www.ilovecamp.org



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 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 or sick, 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



Koinonia

A special thank you to Jennifer Marett for a beautiful presentation of the people and country she saw on her mission trip to Nicaragua last summer. She captured their beauty, their needs, and the many mission aspects currently ongoing there. Thank you also to Malcolm McAlister for the projector and its set-up. There will be no March meeting (School Break) so our next supper meeting will be April 15th. At that time our four most recent missionaries, Mary, Cindy, Darlene and Stephanie, will share their experience with us. All are welcome. For further information contact Anne/John Holman at 822-0153.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 18, 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. Watch the various notice boards for more detailed information on this popular event.



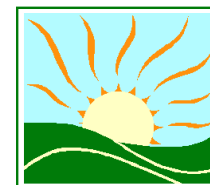
Be sure to sign up in the Church Hall or call the Church Office (822-4772) and ask May to add your name to the list.

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

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, March 4th at 8:30 a.m.**
- * Springfield Golf & Country Club
- * Come and enjoy a full breakfast for only \$8
- * Guest Speaker: Ben Platz,
- * Program Director of Ray of Hope "NightLight."
- * 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.



HELP US BY SAVING YOUR :

Used Postage Stamps – for Leprosy Relief

Campbell's Soup Labels – Education Programs

Ultra Cash Register Tapes – convert to cash

Zehrs Cash Register Tapes – convert to cash

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.

**The Friday Brown Bag continues... on March 31st
our next book is**

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

We meet in the Church Parlour at 12:15pm for a brown bag lunch (coffee and tea provided) and a time of conversation around a popular work of fiction or non-fiction that has impacted the Christian Church in an interesting way. We will conclude our time together no later than 1:15pm. The conversation will be led by The Rev. John Borthwick. All are welcome to come to any of the discussions. Pre-registration is not required.



Schedule: **My Sister's Keeper** by Jodi Picoult Apr. 28th
Walking the Bible by Bruce Feiler May 26th

**Session Minutes are available for all to read.
They have been placed in a binder in the Library.
We would appreciate your not removing the binder
from the library.**

Paul Pennock, Clerk of Session.

FOOD DRIVE

The first Sunday of each month (**March 5**) has been designated Food Drive Sunday (please put these Sundays 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' - **March is 'peanut butter' month.** A cash donation would also be greatly appreciated. (You may use 3rd line on Offering Envelope).



The Outreach Committee

Thank You!

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the Chalmers dinner. We served 85 people and could not have done this without your help in whatever form – food preparation, cash donations or hands on helping at the church. Thank you

for being a church community willing to share with the less fortunate in our town.

- * A sincere thanks to Mari Millar who filled in for Darlene LePage while she was in Nicaragua. We appreciate the hard work which Mari put into the temporary assignment.
- * Many people contributed to the production of the Annual Report. Thanks to Jim Rife, Kathy Rooyakers and May Goodwin for formalizing the reports and to the auditors for their contribution. The following folks are thanked for collating and stapling the final product: John & Myra Pearce, Vera Magowan, John & Anne Holman, Doreen Wynn, Doug and Helen Robertson, Nancy Wynen, Ian and Mari Millar.
- * A special thank you to Mary Visser Kerr and Anne Holman who undertook the mammoth task of proofing the final document.
- * You are all valuable members of the Church Family and greatly appreciated.

WHAT ABOUT LENT?

Lent is a season of the church. Although Easter is the oldest Christian season, the observance of Lent appeared before 300 A.D. as a time for people to prepare for their baptism the day before Easter. Using the model of Jesus time in the wilderness, new adult converts used the 40 days before their baptism to pray. As sinful people, repentance for their past sins and preparing to live in the Christian way became part of the preparation.



There are many different experiences of Lent. Observance of Lent for some has involved the giving up of something, for others it has meant adding a practice such as a Lenten devotional time, a Lenten service or another spiritual discipline. In any case, today the season of Lent is a time to look back on the impact of our baptism on our lives. It is a time of honest reflection and repentance, a time to ask God to clear our hearts and lives of sin's self-centredness in preparation to celebrate Easter.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday's focus on repentance, and leads us to the Prayer vigil on Maundy Thursday, to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, and from there to the tomb until the joy of the resurrection on Easter Day. Scripture often used during Lent: Psalm 51 a psalm of repentance

Lenten Terms:

Lent: an Anglo-Saxon word meaning "spring"

Forty Days: The number 40 is attached to the biblical narratives of Noah and the flood, the number of years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, and Jesus fasting in the wilderness before beginning his ministry. In Hebrew writing the number 40 carries the connotation of "in the fullness of time."

Ashes: (sometimes put on foreheads on Ash Wednesday): Jews used ashes as an outward sign of repentance, a practice continued by early Christians but discontinued by some of the reformers. So while ashes today may remind us of dust and mortality, it is in keeping with Lent to see ashes as signs of our repentance.

Repentance: literally to "turn back" and in a biblical sense means to turn away from sin and back to God.

Colours: Purple for repentance and black for mourning.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Lenten Resources Display:

A display table will be set up in the Church Hall beginning February 26. At this table you will find devotional material for families and individuals. Although most of the booklets are for you to keep, please take note of the books and materials that need to be returned.

Celebrate the Miracle Of Easter

Renew Your Faith this Holiday Season

Special Services at St. Andrews

This year at St. Andrew's there will again be services and events to mark different days of the Lenten and Easter Season.

March 1	Ash Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm
April 9	Palm Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 am
	Ecumenical Lenten Service	7:00 pm
April 13	Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00 pm
	Prayer Vigil Starts	8:00 pm
April 14	Prayer Vigil Ends	8:00 am
	Good Friday Worship	9:00 am
April 16	Easter Sunday Worship	10:30 am

WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES IN GUELPH

The Downtown Churches co-operatively offer weekly service through Lent. **This year these services will take place on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m.** The services will be held in a different church each week. The theme this year will be exploring Lenten themes in the movies. The schedule is as follows:

March 5	"The Chronicles of Narnia" @ St. George's Ang.
March 12	"Saved" @ Dublin Street United
March 19	"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" @ First Baptist
March 26	"Calendar Girls" @ Knox Presbyterian
April 2	"Chocolat" @ Norfolk United
April 9	"The Passion of The Christ" at St. Andrew's Pres.

Special Offerings to support the work of the Drop-In Centre

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.standrewsguelph.com and completing the appropriate confidential form which goes directly to the church administrator.

NOW HERE'S AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE!



- especially if you enjoy singing!
At our Maundy Thursday Evening Service (April 13th), the choir will be singing Lloyd Larson's cantata "The Shadow of the Cross" and we are inviting you to **SING WITH US**.

The Cantata features both traditional and contemporary song arrangements for choir, narrator, piano and instruments. You will be required to attend five weekly Thursday evening practices (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.) here at St. Andrew's – the first practice being Thursday March 9. If you are able to read music, it would be helpful but is **NOT** a requirement.

This is an excellent opportunity to make a short-term commitment to choir and to experience the Lenten Season in a meaningful way.

Please give this some consideration and if it interests you, speak to me or a choir member by Sunday, March 5th.

Thank You, Fred Gingrich

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2006

"Signs of the Times" written by the women of South Africa

World Day of Prayer offers us a moment to reflect upon and affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, to share in the community of Christians around the world, and to commit to working for Social Justice.

We will join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer at:

March 3rd at 2:00 pm St. David & St. Patrick Church
529 Speedvale East

March 5th at 7:00 pm The Salvation Army
1320 Gordon Street

**Please consider attending
on this day of reflection and prayer.**

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. ANDREW'S

In November of 2005 we commissioned 13 people to provide pastoral care. Each has received one day of initial training which has equipped them to provide care in four areas that are represented by the acronym **PACE**.

P—Pray regularly for each one

A—Be Available whenever possible

C—Contact on a regular basis

E—provide a Christian Example

Each was assigned a group of families and/or individuals from our St. Andrew's community to care for. In January, each Pastoral Care Worker attended the first of the bi-monthly training and support meetings. Each also has been assigned a Pastoral Care Support Worker.

How you can make a difference

PrayerThis is a ministry of our whole congregation. Please keep the pastoral care workers, the support workers and the leadership team and their ministry in your prayers.

Be Open.....Caring for others is foundational for living as a people of God. We have been charged to love one another as Christ has loved us and to encourage each other in Christ. If you are assigned a Pastoral Care Worker, receive them and their ministry to you.

Become a Pastoral Care Worker.....Each of us has been given gifts for ministry and for the building up of Christ's body the Church. If you think that you have gifts for this kind of ministry or others have suggested you do, consider taking an active part. Take the brochure from the welcome centre and register for the next training session.

Pastoral Care Training: May 13, 2006 at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

KNITTING FOR MISSION UPDATE

Pneumonia vests and hats will be packed and sent to India on March 1st at 10:00 a.m. Anyone having knitted goods for this project may give them to any of the members of the Women's Missionary Society or bring them to Kathleen McGillivray's at #101, 23 Woodlawn Road East, before that date.

FROM ROOM 5....

With this issue, the 'nonamenews' has ceased to exist, and the '**INSPIRE**' has taken its place. Changing a name has scriptural precedent. As Simon followed Jesus his name was changed to reflect his character and the influence he would have on the church. His new name conveyed that he was the "rock" a person of unshakable faith that would be needed as the foundation for the new church.

As we intentionally move from the generic name for the newsletter, we hope to leave behind any thought that its content was generic or unimportant.

Since its inception, this newsletter has contained inspiring articles of faith, personal stories and information important to the whole St. Andrew's family. I am happy that a name that more adequately describes the intent and content has been chosen.

Some dictionary definitions I have found for **INSPIRE** include:

- * to influence, move, or guide by divine or supernatural inspiration.
- * to exert an animating, enlivening, or exalting influence on,
- * to spur on,
- * to affect,
- * to breathe or blow into or upon,
- * to draw forth or bring out.

It is my hope and prayer that by using this communication device well, it will have an **enlivening influence** on the whole congregation. That its pages will include articles that **influence people in their faith** walk, that teams and committees will **find support and be spurred on** as others understand their mandate and know about events in advance. As the community understands what is happening at St. Andrews it is also my hope that the whole congregation will be able to hold up the work and ministry here in prayer.

This paper is a tool for ministry and all ministry is to *"equip the believers for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith..."*

Ephesians 4:12f

LETTER FROM THE MODERATOR TO CONGREGATIONS ON PWS&D AND PRESBYTRIANS SHARING.

Matthew 25:35-36 "... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

On behalf of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, I would like to commend the work of **Presbyterian World Service and Development** and **Presbyterians Sharing ...** as important aspects of our mission to the world.

We are often asked, "What is the difference between **Presbyterians Sharing...** and **Presbyterian World Service and Development?**"

The answer, which you will find together with much more information, is also on the national church website (www.presbyterian.ca). While **Presbyterians Sharing ...** supports the broader mission work of International Ministries, Theological Colleges as well as Administrative and Committee work, **Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D)** has a specific focus, namely development and emergency relief. Working with overseas church and community partners and ecumenical bodies, **PWS&D** responds to human need in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. It operates with its own budget and raises money directly from individuals, congregations, and government grants.

A simple way to describe what happens to our givings is to compare it to the tradition of some Reformed congregations where two offerings are taken up. The first is for the work of the church and the second is sometimes called an offering for Kingdom work and goes to help the poor or some other good work that is a broader interest than the maintenance needs of the church and its members. In this comparison the giving to **Presbyterians Sharing ...** is like the Church offering or tithe and the giving to **PWS&D** is like the Kingdom offering. Both are essential if the true work of the church is to be accomplished.

The last year has seen numerous disasters in which the rapid and generous response of Presbyterians through **PWS&D** has been an important factor in relief efforts. Tsunami relief was a notable example, and *Towards a World Without AIDS*, the campaign to

control HIV/AIDS and relieve the suffering it causes, continues to be a priority of our denomination.

Although it acts in the name of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, **PWS&D** receives no funding from **Presbyterians Sharing ...** to which we all give a portion of our regular Sunday offerings. All **PWS&D** funds are raised from individual and congregational responses to specie appeals and from regular donations.

Donating to **PWS&D** is a very effective way of putting our money to work. Only the overhead cost of its small permanent staff are met from national church funds, so it is among the most efficient of all aid organizations: directed donations reach the projects in their entirety. The effectiveness of the work of **PWS&D** is recognized by the Government of Canada, which awards matching grants for specific appeals.

Watch for regular announcements in the bulletin and in the Presbyterian Record and be sure to visit the website at www.presbyterian.ca. Please consider supporting this highly effective mission of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in which each of us has an opportunity to show the face of Christ in the world.

Rev. Calvin Brown,
Moderator of Waterloo-Wellington Presbytery

Joys and Concerns

We celebrate with:

- * May Goodwin and her family as they celebrate the baptism of May's grandson, Lincoln Mekhi Odell.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

- * The **Grant** Family on the death of Donald Grant,
- * The **Devries** Family on the death of Peter's mother,
- * The **Penwarden** Family on the death of Tom's father,
- * The **Toolsie** Family on the death of Knolly's mother,
- * The **Rooyakker** Family on the death of Kathy's father (Kathy is the Church Bookkeeper).

GUELPH CORE* PROGRAM (*Churches' OutReach) OR WHY ARE WE GIVING OUT DIAPERS?



Did you know that many of the Downtown churches help in specific ways to care for their needy neighbours. Some help out with needed prescription medication and bus tickets, etc. St. Andrew's as a member of the CORE group distributes diapers. *You might have been in the church office when someone was picking up diapers and wondered what that was about, why we were doing this, and who was paying for it?*

In 2001, The Rev. Thomas Kay of Knox Presbyterian Church organized a meeting to "discuss ways in which we might better share information or resources, and minimize abuse of the system." Dr. Tozer and the church administrator attended that first meeting and undertook some of the early administrative work of surveys and information preparation. By the end of 2001, with most of the administrative work completed, the responsibility for attending these regular meetings was passed on to the Outreach Committee. At a 2002 meeting of Session, Dr. Tozer presented "A Covenant for Participating Congregations", which was voted on by Session who accepted the proposed Guelph CORE Program Covenant.

Armed with a covenant agreement, St. Andrew's accepted the commitment to supply diapers and baby food (the baby food proved too difficult to administer and was later dropped).

The 'DIAPER' program is a commitment made by session, which comes under the mandate of the Outreach Committee. It is administered by the Church Administrator and paid for by the Rennie Fund (the Ministers' discretionary fund). The Rennie Fund is a restricted fund which cannot be used for purposes other than to "offer assistance to those in need." Your church offerings do not support this program and the expense of the CORE commitment does not detract from regular church programs or maintenance. May Goodwin, for the Outreach Committee

ST. ANDREW'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**The Heart of Christianity: Discovering a Life of Faith
by Marcus J. Borg (2003)**

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.

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 & Sheilagh McKinnie's house)

Cost: \$23.50 Group Size: 8 – 12 people

Approach: Open, informal and relaxed

Contact: May Goodwin at the Church Office 822-4772.

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 2nd 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 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.

Side Door

Suffolk Street Door

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Saturday March 25

6:30 p.m.

An Evening of Contemporary Praise

Join us afterward at the café



An event for all ages.