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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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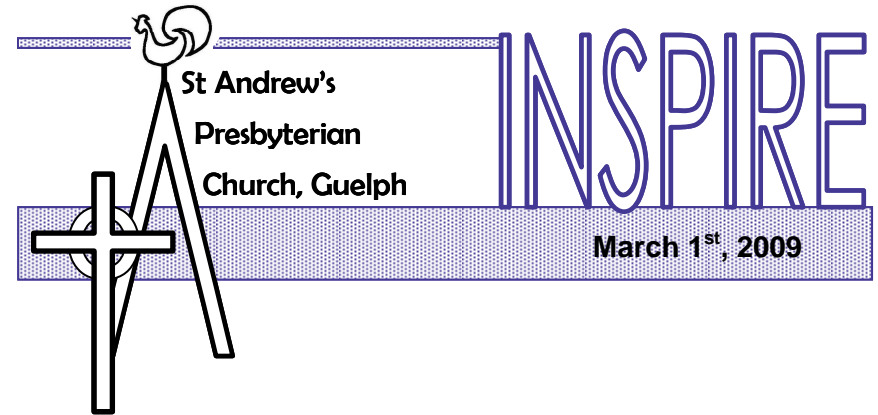
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Sunday Services

10:30 a.m.



Can't Shake WORK!

As you may remember, last month I declared a Sabbath for St. Andrew's. Well wouldn't you know it, within a week of doing so I was approached by the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington to take on a few new responsibilities as part of fulfilling my ordination vows. The Presbytery, made up of ministers and elders from the surrounding region, functions as our corporate bishop in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. When the Presbytery asks you to do something you can say 'no' but then the 'corporateness' of the bishop wouldn't be very effective if everyone did so on a consistent basis. So when they called I dutifully agreed to accept their requests. The first request was to conduct a Presbytery visit to one of the other congregations within our bounds. This is a normal 'oversight' visit of the Presbytery to see how things are going within the churches it cares for. I was also informed that St. Andrew's will likely be visited this year too. The second request was to be an Interim Moderator at Knox Presbyterian Church, Crieff. The Rev. Cathy Kay has accepted a call elsewhere and Knox, Crieff will soon become 'destitute of a fixed pastor' (that is the language in our Book of Forms, the denominational rulebook). As Interim Moderator, my responsibilities will include emergency pastoral care, ensuring that there is regular pulpit supply in place, moderating their Session meetings and in time, working with their Search Committee in finding a new minister to lead them into a new chapter in their life together. This new responsibility may require me to be away very occasionally from Sunday morning worship at St. Andrew's and sometimes through the week. Please pray for Knox, Crieff as they enter this time of discernment. And pray for me since I can't seem to shake working. But then, who of us can?
John.

Opportunities

My Neighbour's House CHALLENGE!



For those of you in attendance at our Annual General Meeting a few weeks ago, you would have heard that we now have a committee of dedicated supporters of My Neighbour's House (MNH). Nicknamed 'the Builders', the members are: Pauline Sanderson, Nicki Groenewegen, Nora & Neal

Stoskopf, Mary Visser Kerr, and Don Grainger. If you have any ideas for how we might provide more support to MNH, please feel free to contact anyone of the 'Builders' to offer your suggestions.

Habitat has told us that we should have news on the future location of My Neighbour's House this month. A land purchase is in process as I write.

At the AGM, the Builders invited the congregation to pray for My Neighbour's House. **Now they would like to issue you with a personal challenge...**

Can you think of a way that you personally could raise awareness and funds for MNH? Some of our most exciting fundraisers over the past year have been around personal celebrations like anniversaries and birthdays. Could you invite some friends over for a dinner party and ask them to give a donation to MNH? Or perhaps for tea? What about asking for donations to MNH in lieu of gifts at one of your personal celebrations this year? Together we can meet our goal and build the house that faith built.

Thanksgivings & Concerns

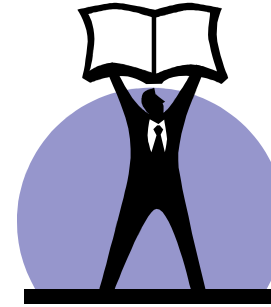
We celebrate with those couples married in February:

Ted Hahn and Rebecca Grant on February 21st

'What God has joined together, let no one separate.'

News and Events

Library



I would like to commend to our readers the "Mitford" series of novels, written by Jan Karon that was recently purchased for St. Andrew's Library.

Mitford is a small town nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains with a colourful population of saints and sinners and lovable eccentrics all seen through the eyes of

Father Tim an Episcopalian, long-suffering village rector. The stories abound with both mysteries and miracles, which are engrossing. Barnabus, a huge black dog adopts Father Tim and is controlled by reciting scripture verses! A hostile mountain boy, Dooley is thrust into his care. To add to his confusion, a growing friendship with Cynthia Coppersmith his new neighbour, stirs emotions he hasn't felt in years. These books have appeal for men, women and teenagers, but be sure to start with the first novel in the series, "At Home in Mitford", reading the rest in sequence. I laughed and cried, and marveled at the simple prayers of Father Tim, that made salvation so available to all, and brought peace and comfort to all who sought his care, and brought him wisdom sufficient for his own needs.

Enjoy! There are many hours of relaxation ahead for you and your faith will be nourished as well. Helen Brisbin

Prayer Calendar

You will notice a monthly prayer calendar in your inspire this month. Please read the suggested Bible verse and ask God to reveal His message to you. Pray for the suggested thought of the day. It will be so good to know that on any given day the entire congregation will be praying for our youth/session/board/etc. If your group would like to contribute thoughts, verses, or special concerns or ask for prayers for congregational events to be included in upcoming calendars please contact Jen Marett (jmarett@rogers.com) or Mary Rife (maryrife@sympatico.ca)

2nd Annual Women's Retreat Weekend

The Women's Retreat will be held this year at the Swanton cottage in Tobermory on **April 3, 4 and 5**. The Theme is "Behold I am about to do a new thing", the leader will be Rev. Susan Shantz. Come and join us for a weekend away in a beautiful, natural setting on the shore of Lake Huron. Relax and come to know what new thing the Lord has in store for you. Approximate cost is \$85.00 including food, accomodation, program and car pool to the



cottage. There is a sign up sheet in the 'Welcome Centre' with space for eight people. Please contact Mary Rife (519.822.7858) or Clarence Swanton (519.822.5557) or Knolly Toolsie (519.821.7359) for more details.

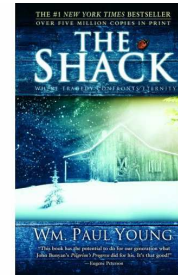
Saturday Night Supper

St. Andrew's/Kortright are hosting the Sat. Night Supper (SNS) on **Saturday April 4th**. We are asking the congregation for donations of food and volunteers, as well financial donations are always welcome. The items we need donated are **Beef Stew with Potatoes, Coleslaw and Fruit Crisp**. The other items will be purchased by the Coordinator from St. Andrew's, e.g., frozen peas, cheese, juice, milk, etc., etc. Please sign up at the Welcome Centre for this important event. We are expecting to host at least 110. Please speak to Margaret Blatherwick, 519.824.2928 if you have any questions. Thank you for your help.



Next Month at Breakfast @ St. Andrew's: Representatives from North-South Partnership who are building a network with remote First Nation communities.

Friday Brown Bag... & Good Food, Good Book and Good Nite



THE SHACK by William Young

On **Friday March 27th**, 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: Unless by Carol Shields (April 24th)

Reception of New Members



If you are interested in "JOINING" our congregation by profession of faith or transfer of membership, we would be happy to welcome you into our church family. Our minister is available to discuss this opportunity more fully with you at your convenience. New members will be received in worship on **Sunday April 19th**.

Committees and Groups

The Trail's Final Rest Stop

We have almost completed The Bible Trail. Throughout the season of Lent and Easter we will be taking a rest. The Bible Trail will return on **Sunday May 10th** with 1, 2, & 3 John. The Thursday morning Trail Party will recommence on Thursday **April 30th**. We look forward to celebrating the end of The Trail on May 31st.



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 **March 21st**, we will have **Prof. Kerry Daly**, with us. Kerry's talk is entitled: **Being Dad: New**

Challenges in a Changing World

His Bio: Kerry Daly is the Associate Dean of Research in the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences, a Professor in the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition and is one of the founding directors of the Centre for Families, Work and Well-Being – all at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. He received his PhD in Sociology from McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. His current research interests focus on the changing practices of fatherhood, the way that families negotiate and navigate time pressures in their lives, and the challenges families face in trying to harmonize their work and family life.

Prayer Seminar... Igniting a Passion to Pray

On **May 2**, we will be hosting a Prayer Seminar from 9:00am until 3:15pm. The guest speaker will be Major Sandra Ryan – Salvation Army Regent Park '614 Corps'. We hope that you'll mark your calendars and plan to attend.



... we need you to Share Your Story

What amazing and wonderful things has God done in your life? Answered a prayer? Performed a miracle? Blessed you abundantly? How has knowing the Lord Jesus changed and enriched your life? We are looking for all who would like to share a brief story about their experiences in our upcoming (May 2nd) seminar on "Igniting a Passion To Pray".

Contact: Mary Rife at 519.822.7858 or maryrife@sympatico.ca or Clarence Swanton at 519.822.5557 or cswanton@uoguelph.ca for more details.

Crieff Hills

On February 19th, 4 ladies of this Church spent the day at Crieff hills conference centre, at their special "Manna Day". Ian Shaw spoke to us about "Lessons learned from Guyana", we all enjoyed the day.

I am sure that many of you are familiar with Crieff Hills, 300 beautiful acres donated to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in 1950 by Mr. MacLean, who in his will stated his hopes: "that it would become a model and example to other communities".

Anyone who has spent some time there, hiked the trails and tasted the food knows what a treasure our church owns, and the amazing opportunities it offers for Christian ministry to young and old.

We as St. Andrews are so fortunate to have this Christian community almost at our doorstep and might like to become more involved with their plans for future growth.

For more information of Crieff Hills, look at the bulletin board or go to www.crieffhills.com

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MARCH 2009 PRAYER CALENDAR

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
161 Norfolk Street, Guelph

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" 1 Timothy 2: 1-2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pray for workers for our Church School Matthew 9: 35-38	2 Praise Jesus our saviour Matthew 1:21	3 Pray for confidence for our Session Philippians 4:13	4 Give thanks for those who care for our children at Breakaway Mark 9:36-37	5 Pray that our hearts and minds will be opened to God's word 2 Timothy 3:16	6 Pray for Godliness 2 Peter 1: 5-8	7 Pray for God's anointing on John Borthwick our Minister 1 Thess. 1:3
8 Pray for a teachable spirit for our Catechism students Proverbs 23:12	9 Pray for fruit of the spirit for our Connectors Galatians 5:22	10 Pray for prayerfulness Philippians 4:6-7	11 Pray that AKD continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit in helping the work of the Church Psalm 143:8	12 Pray for accountability for our Board of Managers Romans 14:12	13 Give thanks that our youth serve others Philippians 2:4	14 Praise Jesus the Word made flesh John 1:14
15 Pray for God's blessings on our church school children Mark 10:16	16 Pray that we will join our Lord in His service John 12:26	17 Pray that St. Andrew's will be outwardly focused Hebrews 13:16	18 Give thanks for WMS who encourage & support church missions Matthew 28:19-20	19 Pray for our Choir that they will sing to the LORD and praise His holy name Psalm 30:4	20 Praise Jesus our healer Matthew 8:16-17	21 Pray that we will be wise in the way we act toward outsiders at this mornings breakfast Colossians 4:5-6
22 Pray for the grace of generous giving 2 Corinthians 8:7	23 Pray for forgiveness Ephesians 4:32	24 Pray that our Music & Worship Cmte will guide us in praising God Ps. 150	25 Pray for oneness Ephesians 4:3	26 Praise Jesus our Emmanuel Matthew 1:23	27 Pray for a discerning heart for the Book Club 1 King 3:9	28 Give thanks for the "Chili Night In Our House" Habitat fundraiser 2 Corinthians 8:10-12
29 Pray that our Church School teachers will be nurturing 1 Timothy 6:20	30 Pray for diligence Colossians 3:23	31 Praise the Lord our maker Proverbs 22:2	<p>Pray daily for the work and witness of St. Andrew's</p>			