

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

*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*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
WILL BE HELD AT ST. ANDREW'S
ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
MARCH, JUNE, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER.

Please note that the administrator's e-mail address will be closing shortly. All e-mail correspondence should be directed to mailbox@standrewsguelph.com

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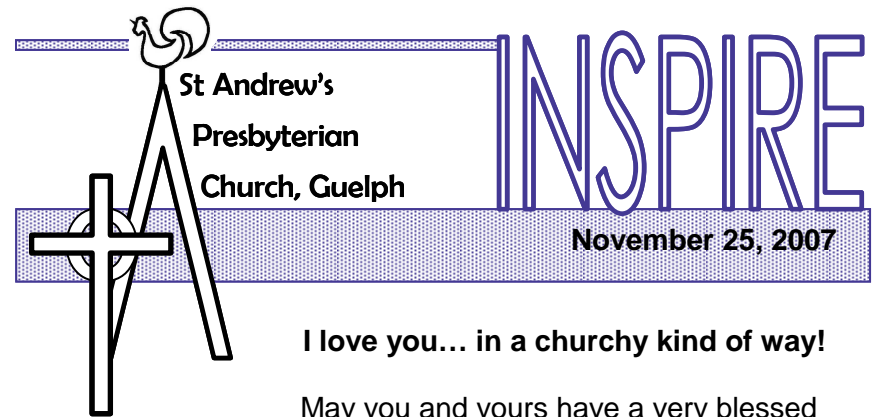
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Fred Gingrich	Director of Music
May Goodwin	Administrative Assistant

Sunday Services

10:30 a.m.



I love you... in a churchy kind of way!

May you and yours have a very blessed
Advent and a Merry Christmas!

My prayer for each of you is that the time spent with family and friends over the Christmas season may brighten your spirit and enliven your heart to the abundant love that God has richly poured out on God's Creation. I'd encourage you to read my Christmas Letter (it will help you understand the title of this piece), which was prepared for every household, and as we enter 2008 may we take to heart its exhortation to love one another in a churchy kind of way. In this coming year, look out for many opportunities to gather around the table with old and new friends.

Hoping to see you at your place card...
Yours lovingly in Christ, John Borthwick



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, connector or a session member and/or leave a phone message with the church and the minister will return your call as soon as possible.



Evangel Hall Donation Box

It's the time once again for St. Andrew's donation drive for Evangel Hall. Evangel Hall is an inner-city mission of the PCC in Toronto that builds "community with poor, homeless, and socially isolated people in Toronto, through support, housing, services, and advocacy". Evangel Hall distributes clothing and other necessities to people in need (some in a Thrift Store), and relies on donations for these items. At this time of year, their most urgent needs are new undergarments (including long underwear), warm socks, coats, snowmobile suits, boots, hats, scarves, mitts, gloves and personal toiletries, for both men and women. All items should be clean and in good repair (for a complete list, see www.evangelhall.ca). If you have any of these items available for donation, please leave them in the Evangel Hall donation box placed in the church hall over the next few weeks.

The Missions Committee

FOOD DRIVE

The first Sunday of each month (except when celebrating Communion) has been designated Food Drive Sunday. **December 9 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' – **December is Christmas theme month**. A cash donation would also be greatly appreciated. (You may use 3rd line on Offering Envelope). The Outreach Committee



MISSION CAPSULES: GUATEMALA

Our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing ... support Denise Van Wissen, a nutrition specialist working with the Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas. She is helping to strengthen the Fraternidad's existing health program by offering workshops on basic nutrition and helping women teach others in their community about health and nutrition.

Gillchrist Chapel

Cordially invites you along with your family and friends to their 16th annual

Handling the Holidays 2007

An evening event of guidance and support while remembering the life of your departed loved-ones during this holiday season

Tuesday, November 27th at 7:30 pm.

The Cutten Club



LET'S HELP MAY CELEBRATE HER RETIREMENT

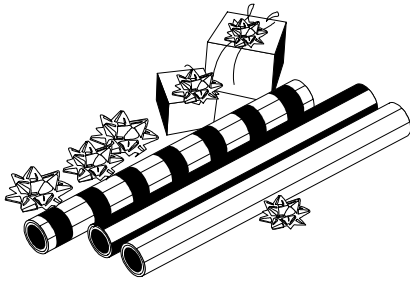
As you may know our Administrative Assistant, May Goodwin, has decided to retire at the end of December 2007. A Wine and Cheese Open House is being planned to provide the congregation the opportunity to say farewell to May. This will be held on

Thursday, December 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Parlour.

If you would like to contribute to a gift for May, please speak to either Paul Pennock (519.824.4008) or Margaret Blatherwick (519.824.2928).

Christmas Shoe Boxes. Chalmers Community Services has asked us to participate in providing Christmas Boxes to be distributed in the Community. A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Centre along with a box and a list of suggested contents. Please return by week of December 2nd.

Your 2008 Offering Envelopes will be available for pick-up during the month of December. A table has been set up in the Church Hall and the Board of Managers would appreciate if you could claim your box during Coffee Hour.



CAN YOU HELP WITH A FUN EVENT?

Could you offer an hour or two on **Wednesday, December 19** to help the "AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County", based here in Guelph? All we ask is that you help at the gift-wrap station, which will be set up inside Old Quebec Street Mall.

How does it work?

Guelph's Downtown Board of Management is sponsoring free gift-wrapping from December 12 through 24.

Location: Inside Old Quebec Street Mall.

Times: **12:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m.**

St. Andrew's is coordinating a gift-wrap day on **Wednesday, December 19**. Participating charities keep all donations collected during their time at the gift-wrap station. All donations collected Wednesday, December 19 will be for the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County. Downtown Board of Management supplies ALL gift-wrap materials - tape, paper, bows etc. and a booth or several tables and chairs. As well, we'll obtain and set up some literature and display material for the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County.

We need volunteers to staff the gift-wrap site - at least 2 per hour. I hope to have at least 3 volunteers per hour. Could you volunteer an hour or two? If you are able to assist, a sign up schedule will be available during Coffee Hour following the worship services on November 25, December 2 and December 9.

Or please contact Mary Visser Kerr by phone: 519.763.6489 or by email: mvisserkerr@rogers.com. So your name can be included on the day's schedule. Thank you!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

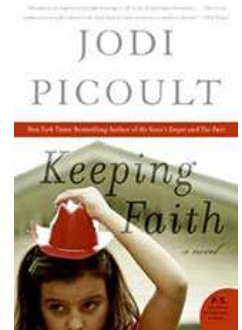
We celebrate with:

- Naomi Faith Wallace who was baptized at St. Andrew's on November 18th. Naomi's parents are Brad and Jacinda Wallace.

Friday Brown Bag... and Good Food, Good Book, and Good Nite... featured book... Keeping Faith by Jodi Picoult

On **Friday November 30th**, 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. So far, these nights have been well received and we are always happy to welcome someone new. 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) by Nov. 27, or for more information, contact Rev. John. **This dinner book club will also meet on December 28th and will discuss the book "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham. To book your place at the table, call May before December 21st.**



**"Come on! Let's Go to Bethlehem!
Let's see this wonderful thing that has happened"**



A collection of Nativity Scenes from around the world
will be on display

Saturday, December 8th 10am – 3 pm

Sunday December 9th Noon to 5 pm

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church