

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.**

The 'INSPIRE' is a monthly communication resource of:

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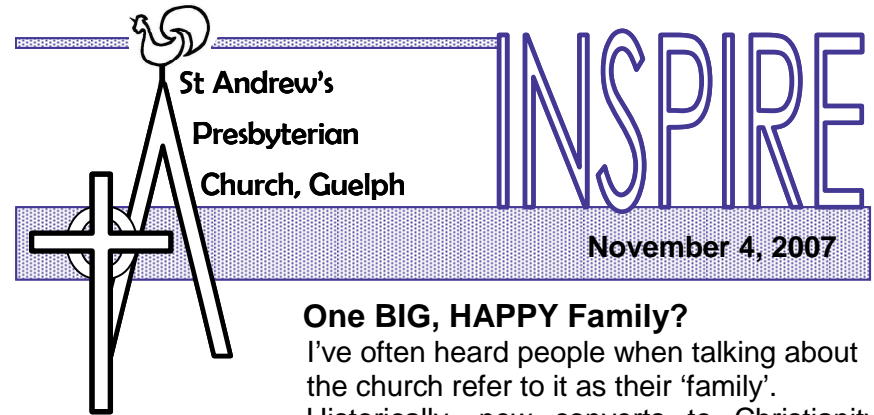
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10:30 a.m.



One BIG, HAPPY Family?

I've often heard people when talking about the church refer to it as their 'family'.

Historically, new converts to Christianity were often ostracised by their biological family. The early house churches became, for those newly converted 'orphans', a kind of surrogate family that would care, love and offer them a new community. But in 2007 is 'family' the best image for the church. I wonder?

If you can get beyond the dysfunction of the modern family that is celebrated in our media, then perhaps a family is a good image... or at least an image that might get us asking the right questions. I'd suggest that ideal families do several things well. First, they communicate well so no one is misunderstood or left out. I wonder how we communicate as a congregation. Are people left out? Do you feel that you are one of them? Is the message understood? Second, families make every effort to make their house into a home. In what way does St. Andrew's feel like home to you? Third, an ideal home is where guests are treated like family. How do we receive guests? How were you received? Do our guests know where 'the bathroom' is? Lastly, families don't live in isolation, but in community. Who is our neighbour (a timely question as we hosted our conference on Islam last weekend)? A question that is often asked as a reality check for a congregation is: if your church no longer existed, who in your community would notice or care? It is worth thinking about? Certainly, I think we would care.

I hope that St. Andrew's has been like a surrogate family to you over the years. As your minister, I still feel like the son-in-law who married your only daughter a few years ago. You are starting to warm up to him but you're not sure you want to give him the keys to Dad's 1955 fully restored Ford Fairlane Club Sedan just yet. And that is probably the right way to feel. Trust takes time to build and sustain. It doesn't happen over night. I can remember

saying to the Search Committee (can it be five years already?) that it would take a significant amount of time before things would change (at least at my initiation). I'm looking forward to growing deeper in the St. Andrew's family... can't wait to gather again around the dinner table... and someday taking the 'Fairlane' for a spin... even if it is only on the driveway. Rev. John.

FOOD DRIVE

One 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



FOR RENT

Beautiful century stone "MANSE" home on Norfolk Street for rent. Three bedroom, office, two storey, basement, mix carpet hardwood. Lots of windows, private, yard maintenance in place. \$1600 plus utilities. Available November 1st. GOODCORP 519-658-3885

MISSION CAPSULES: Guyana

Our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing ... support Rev. Ian Shaw, minister of Skeldon and Massiah Presbyterian Churches in Guyana. Ian provides pastoral ministry and participates in developing lay leadership with youth at the parish, presbytery and synod levels. As well, support is given to Linda Shaw, a Christian Educator working with the Guyana Presbyterian Church. Linda has begun to revitalize children's ministry with congregations, training leaders, supplying congregations with church school curriculum, and writing resources to supplement the curriculum.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AT ST. ANDREW'S

You are invited to join the men of the Congregation on Saturday mornings

in the Church Hall at 8.30 a.m.

November 17, 2007

Enjoy a delicious breakfast (\$7.00) catered by Zena, followed by a short program. This is an excellent opportunity for you to share in fellowship with the men of our Church family.

You will find sign up sheets in the Church Information Centre.

When inspired by a new idea for a project or special event, Session approval is necessary. Speak to the Clerk of Session or an Elder who will contact the proper committee for approval and appropriate follow up. Working together and following the rules of church procedure will result in a stronger St. Andrew's Church.

Submitted by Mary Fountain for the Committee of Nancy Nicol, Knolly Toolsie and Sharon Ireland.

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 Nov. 25th.**

ORGAN CONCERT. Jonathan Oldengarm will be returning from Montreal to present a solo organ recital on Nov. 23 at 8:00 p.m. in Guelph as a Benefit for the Barrie Cabana Music Scholarship Fund. The 4-manual Casavant pipe organ at St. George's Anglican Church will be fully used in a program of concert pieces by Wagner, Durufle, Ritter and Cabana. Tickets at door \$25 or \$20 purchased in advance from St. George's or the Kitchener music stores Opus II and Music Plus. Info. at (519) 936-0153.

180° (aka The 180th Anniversary Committee)

Greetings from the 180th Anniversary Committee known from this day forward as “180 Degrees”. No we are not the latest boy band but instead are the committee charged with coordinating St. Andrew’s 180th Anniversary celebrations that will begin in April 2008 and conclude in April 2009. We’d like to share a few things with you by way of introduction to our committee and its mandate. First, we’d love to hear your ideas, suggestions, thoughts, schemes, and plans for celebrating. See below on how to make submissions. Second, where does the nickname “180°” come from? It finds its origin in the scriptural notion of turning around or ‘doing a 180 on something’. At times in our lives, we are called to stop, turn around, and perhaps go in a new direction. We hope our Anniversary year will see our congregation make such a shift in direction. Together as a committee, and with feedback from you, we’d like to spend some of our time this Anniversary year reflecting on who we are as a church family, celebrating our past, and seriously considering our future. Part of the process towards self-examination will take us to ‘defining’ what we value as a congregation, what makes us stand out, what are the things that make St. Andrew’s unique, special and a place where people’s greatest passions meet the world’s greatest needs. We hope you’ll join us along this journey. Look for more about this in the future. Finally, who are we? Our members are: Paul Evans, John Groenewegen, Anne Holman, Ross Pauli, Paul Pennock, Clarence Swanton, Julia Toth and Rev. John Borthwick. Any one of the Committee would be happy to listen to your ideas and receive your feedback. Feel free to contact us by making submissions to the Church Office to the attention of “180°” or by e-mailing seventytimes7@rogers.com. Here’s to a great 180th Anniversary year!

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.

COME AND SING WITH US!

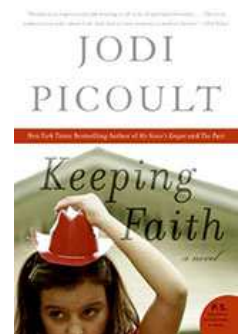
You are invited to come and join the choir for their Christmas presentation “Sing We Merry”, recounting the birth of Jesus through music and scripture. This is on Sunday, December 23rd (morning service). Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings, beginning Thursday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Please talk to Fred or to any choir member if you are interested. Although the ability to read music is helpful, it is **not** a requirement. Come and sing with us! Fred Gingrich, Director of Music

Sing His Praises

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) or for more information, contact Rev. John.



The Presbyterian Church in Canada calendar for 2008 will be on sale in the Church Hall this Sunday and every subsequent Sunday. Cost \$3. Look for a member of the Women’s Missionary Society to get your copy.

Thank You

- I would like to thank the wonderful women of St. Andrew's who kindly offered to drive me to Freeport Rehabilitation Centre when my husband, Ed, was sent there. Alles Fairclough, Vivienne Stevenson, Doris Bower, Marg Austin and my daughter's friend, Chris Gerster. Words cannot express how much this was appreciated as my other family members are far away. Thank you, Betty Beard.
- Many people helped organize the conference on "Who is our Neighbour: Looking at Islam Today" and the list would be very long if everyone were listed. However, we do want to acknowledge the following people who helped with this event: The Rev. John Borthwick, May Goodwin, Margaret Blatherwick, Malcolm McAlister, John McAllister, Sheila McKinnie, Jim Rife and Andrew Lesniewski.

Thank You, Bill McKinnie and Karen Dimock

(We at St. Andrew's wish to thank Karen and Bill for undertaking this event on our behalf. It was a very successful day and we appreciate the tremendous amount of work which they put into this.)

**"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

NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Church Contacts connect our Congregation, Creating a Caring Community of Faith



CONNECTIONS PLUG IN

WIRE UP OUR COMMUNICATIONS!

With John Peter Smit

(Synod Congregational Development Consultant)

Connectors and everyone who is interested in building our
Caring Church Community are invited to join us

Saturday November 24th, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Help Needed....casseroles.....drivers

As a caring church, we would love to create a list of
resource-people who could occasionally provide a casserole for
someone in need, be a driver or give other help as required.

We know that many good things are happening already,
and some people are or have been very well cared for. But
others get missed. Not everyone has a Connector, and
Connectors may be away or be unable to help when a need
arises.

Will you become a helper? For more information.

Contact Sharon Ireland: Phone 519-767-0114

Marnie Kerr: Phone 519-823-9990

PS: Another service opportunity!...on Sunday mornings:

*Be outside to assist less mobile members when they are
dropped off, and are waiting for drivers to return after
parking the car. Please contact the office if you'd be
Willing to help occasionally.*

FROM THE SESSION

Session meeting minutes are available in the library for detailed perusal by congregation members. The following are typical of matters discussed and acted on recently by your Session.

- Session Retreat. Held on September 15th with Lynda Pennington as facilitator. Retreat was well received by attendees and ended with a list of “Agreed on Action Priorities”.
- In keeping with “Putting a Face to Ruling Eldership”, an organization chart showing the pictures of elders and committees they serve on will be prepared and displayed in the church.
- Long Room in Basement. Unsupervised play in this area using unsafe equipment is a concern. The Board has been asked to make the room safe, remove unused articles and clean up the area so it can be put to good use. Supervision needs to be provided in accordance with the policy on Leading with Care. Board of Managers will have the room cleaned up by the end of the year.
- As assistant to the Clerk of Session will be appointed to help prepare: action/planning minutes, ministry team reports, and to complete follow-up communications, etc. A group will meet monthly to help the Moderator prepare the Session meeting agenda.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

We celebrate with:

- Brody Scott Hoysa who was baptized at St. Andrew's on November 4th. Brody's parents are Mike and Sherry Hoysa.
- Diana Sullada and Jeff Fowler who were married at St. Andrew's on November 3rd. Jeff is the grandson of Helen and Doug Robertson.

We express our sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Molly Cromey and Eileen Young. Our condolences and prayers are extended you in your grief.