

nonamenews

st. andrew's presbyterian church

October 30, 2005

Pastoral Care - A Conversation

"Have you considered being a Pastoral Care Worker at St. Andrew's?"

True, it is a big responsibility but it is also a wonderful opportunity to use your gifts to encourage people in their faith.

"But I don't feel competent to help others"

Training is available and there will be personal support for you as well. The experience of this model of care is of having a friend who prays for you, calls on you and responds to your calls - someone who walks with you and listens when you want to share your thoughts.

"Are visits to be made just before Communion Sunday?"

No, not really. A visit, or phone call or other contact should happen at a mutually convenient time and place, more often than four times a year.

"I usually go away for a few months in the winter, could I still be a Pastoral Care Worker?"

Of course, you send cards and keep in touch through other ways.

To learn more about this ministry, borrow a copy of the book *Can the Pastor Do it Alone?* Available from the Church Office. Alternatively you could talk to a member of the Pastoral Care Leadership Team (PCLT) - Rev. Jan, Catharine Johnston, Jennifer Marett, Phyllis Mattar, Jack Mooney and Karen Dimock.
NOTE: *The first equipping seminar will be on November 5th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. This same workshop will be repeated in the Spring, for those who missed it the first time.*

Phyllis Mattar for the Pastoral Care Leadership Team

Registration Forms are in Pastoral Care @ St. Andrew's Brochure.

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another"
John 13:35

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10:30 a.m.

Breakaway

Breakaway has started up again and we will be discussing the book of Colossians this fall. With the help of some very caring individuals who supply terrific day-care for our children, we are able to engage in fellowship with friends that has become a happily anticipated weekly gathering. Our children take part in a structured program with songs, crafts, bible stories, active play and of course, snack time!

The women (and men) who attend nourish their minds and souls with fellowship, bible study and of course, snack time (with coffee first on the agenda)!

Christmas will soon be upon us and so will our yearly privilege of decorating the church sanctuary. For a chance to meet some great women, make new friends and engage in spirited discussion, join us Wednesday mornings 9:15 to 11.30 am in the parlour.

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Presbyterian Calendars for 2006 are available for \$3 and can be purchased after the Sunday Worship Service. The theme of the calendar is "Preparing for the Sabbath". These calendars are being sold by the Women's Missionary Society and make a great Christmas presents. Be sure to purchase your calendar early so that you will not be disappointed!

Open House

St. Andrew's hosted an open house on September 18th immediately following the church service. Displays, lunch and conversation were key ingredients. The Church Hall was packed with displays and people. Many groups associated with St. Andrew's provided creative displays and information about when, where and why they meet. Tours of the sanctuary and building were offered by the youth. The church school worship center and class rooms were open for parents and the congregation. The feedback from visitors and from within the congregation has been positive. The Christian Education Team would like to thank all who participated in making this event an overwhelming success. Lillian Mooney for the Education Team

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 19th 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 Cape Chopin for only \$6.75



- * The Topic: Where in the World is your Mission
- * The Speaker: Campbell Horn

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 breakfast at St. Andrew's.

LAST CHANCE!

An Evening with Stephen Lewis

United Nations Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, Stephen Lewis is coming to Kitchener on Thursday November 3rd by invitation of the Outreach Committee of the Presbytery of Waterloo Wellington. He is being hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener. The

evening begins at 7:30 pm and light refreshments will be provided. Tickets are available from our Church Office 822-4772 and are \$25. All proceeds will go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.



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, 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.

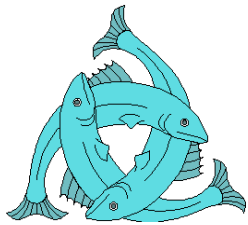
"A Smooth Sea Never Made a Skillful Sailor"

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, 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.

African AIDS Fish: “I Take it Personally” Challenge



Welcome to the African AIDS Fish, ‘I take it personally’ challenge. If you look on the African AIDS bulletin board in the church hall you will notice a fish net crammed with many blue and red fish.

The fish are symbolic of what is happening in Africa. Each fish is 3” tall to remind us that in Africa a child dies every three seconds of malnutrition and disease. The fish have a red AIDS ribbon to remind us of the aids pandemic which is wiping out a whole generation in Africa leaving many children orphaned. It is also killing off the most productive members of society: farmers, teachers, health-care workers, and business people so the economy is floundering. The fish has no mouth because in Africa women and children have no legal rights and therefore cannot speak for themselves. We must be their voice. The eyes of the fish look forward in hope that soon someone will care enough to help them rebuild their lives. Why fish? It is an early symbol of Christianity.

‘I take it personally’ African AIDS Fish Challenge. All money goes to PWS&D AIDS Appeal. What will you do? Contact Mary Rife at 822-7858 if you have any questions. See display on church hall bulletin board for more information.

(To date only 18 fish have been freed from the net by people who have taken up the challenge. Jim Fountain has made beautiful butterfly jewellery, Jim Rife is making applesauce and Ben Wallace (age 5) is making pictures/artwork. Support these people and come up with a project of your own. Show your care! Thanks, Mary Rife, Coordinator.)

A.K.D.

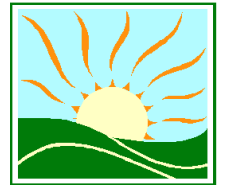
The A.K.D. Circle is the only surviving circle of five that comprised the Daughters of St. Andrew’s. The name is an acronym of the first three letters of the Greek words for “Truth and Service”. It was founded in 1944 and has taken an active part in the life of St. Andrew’s ever since. We have a three-fold purpose: to assist the Women’s Missionary Society in raising funds, to support projects and programs within St. Andrew’s and to donate to charities in Guelph and beyond.

Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The program includes devotions, business and, usually, a speaker or entertainment.

We would be pleased to welcome new members or guests from the congregation at any time.

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, November 5, 2005
at 8:30 a.m.**

* Springfield Golf & Country Club, 2054 Gordon St.

* Come and enjoy a full breakfast for only \$8

* Guest Speaker: Robin Egressy,
Public Educator, Women-in-Crisis

* 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.

What might have been and what has been
Point to one end, which is always present.

Footfalls echo in the memory

Down the passage which we did not take

Towards the door we never opened...

(T.S.Eliot)



Koinonia

Our next potluck supper/speaker evening is **Saturday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m.** Our guest speaker will be Ken Irvine of the Guelph Museum and the John McCrae Museum. He

will speak on John McCrae – his life and his war contribution. John McCrae was a member of St. Andrew's and there is a gold plaque on the family pew. All are welcome. For further information contact Anne/John Holman at 822-0153.

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 give the receipts to Jim Rife. Jim has graciously agreed to purchase the groceries for use at Chalmers Food Pantry. 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 guest soloist at the November 11th concert of the Kitchener Symphony, Guelph Series, at the River Run Centre, will be violist **David Gillham**. David grew up at St. Andrew's. He and his family presently reside in St. Louis, Missouri, where David is a music faculty member at the University of Missouri, and a member of the Arianna String Quartet. (www.ariannaquartet.com)



Food Drive

The first Sunday of each month (**November 6th**) has been designated Food Drive Sunday. This food is given to the Guelph Food Bank and Chalmers Food Pantry. You may care to check

the list of needed food and other sundries, which is on the Hallway Notice Board. However, any food or cash donation would be greatly appreciated. (You may use 3rd line on Offering Envelope)

Hockey Night for AIDS



In support of the AIDS Committee of Guelph-Wellington, I'm conducting a Silent Auction throughout the month of November. Up for grabs is a ticket to the Guelph Storm game to be held on Friday January 6th, 2006 versus the Brampton Battalion. A ticket will enable you to watch the game from a private box in the Guelph Sports and Entertainment Centre. The bidding will open at \$20 per ticket and there are only seventeen (17) tickets available. On November 27th the auction will close and the top seventeen (17) bidders will be contacted to pick up their tickets from the Church Office upon receipt of their donation. All bids will be tax deductible and all funds raised will be donated to the AIDS Committee of Guelph-Wellington. The Auction poster can be found on the AIDS bulletin board in the Church Hall. Rev. John Borthwick



Sunday Morning Study

Even with excellent Sunday morning services, you may think that something is missing in your experience at St. Andrew's. Come a little earlier and participate in a stimulating discussion. Every Sunday morning a group meets in the parlour for coffee, muffins and talk about scripture and our Christian life.

For the next few weeks we will be continuing our discussion about Missions. Why would individuals or groups dedicate themselves to missions? What does it mean to us here in Guelph when we read that Christians should go to the people of Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the outermost corners of the earth to tell the good news? How will God's grace reach all the tribes and nations?

Join us next Sunday at 8:45 a.m. to discuss these and other questions.
Sharon Duff

A big "**Thank You**" is extended to the following members who prepared, and led, the **weekly services at Oxford Lodge** during the month of September, 2005: Angus & Kathleen McGillivray, Catharine Johnston, Mary Fountain, Marva Riekels and Ross Pauli. Your willingness and dedication to this ministry is very much appreciated.
Christine Orme, Coordinator

SESSION RETREAT: A NEW YEAR BEGINS

Recognizing, after the many changes, that it is important to gather to seek the unity of the Spirit, our new Term Service Session began this fall with worship and a retreat. Session members spent a Friday evening until late Saturday afternoon in September sharing and learning, eating and laughing. Led by Rev. John and Rev. Jan we spent time considering **who we are** - as a congregation, as Elders and as God's people. Activities involved large group learning, small group activities and lots of discussion.

Who are we as People of God?

The scripture theme chosen for the Retreat was Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16. "bearing with one another in love", "gifts he gave were....to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ (the church)" We wrote a litany of gratitude as a prayer for the Retreat and for the service Sunday morning. We spent time considering the biblical stories brought to mind by our congregation at present. This helped us explore how God may be acting among us.

Who are we as a Congregation?

We discussed how the size of a congregation can affect how it will function. In small groups, we explored the assets with which we have been blessed - people, physical property and in our community.

Who are we as Elders and Session Members?

We considered the ministry description for a Ruling Elder, the Book of Forms, Ordination Vows, Living Faith and an excerpt from Eugene Peterson's book Working the Angles. We explored how to build a strong team, and how to practically live out the expectation we have of ourselves and each other as we meet and make decisions.

What an amazing weekend! If you want to know more about this Retreat or our new Session, please speak to a member of Session. Copies of the draft minutes from the Retreat are available at the Welcome Centre or from the Church Office.

Submitted by Jan Hazlett

Coming Up in Worship

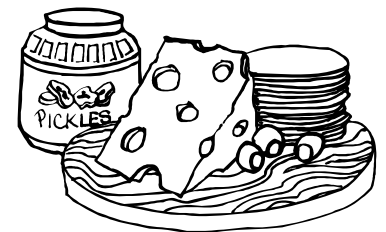


On **Sunday November 6th**, we have the privilege of hosting The Rev. Andrew Johnston, Senior Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa. He is also the Convenor of the Committee that oversees Presbyterian World Service and Development. The PWS&D Committee is meeting in Crieff that week and has offered its members as speakers to local congregations. The service is intergenerational and will include elements reflective and mindful of Remembrance Day. Join us for worship on that Sunday.

On **Sunday December 4th**, The Rev. Dr. Rick Fee, General Secretary of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, former Director of Presbyterian World Service and Development and past Moderator of the General Assembly will be guest speaker to mark World AIDS Sunday. Rick's visit is a part of our 'Towards A World Without AIDS' campaign. Rick will take part in the Sacrament of Holy Communion in our worship service. On the Saturday evening (December 3rd), Rick will be a part of our Movie Night where we will be showing the film, A Closer Walk. The film is a documentary that highlights the AIDS crisis in Africa and is narrated by Glenn Close and Will Smith. Plan to attend.

Say "Cheese" Please

Orders for the A.K.D. Annual Sale of Bright's Cheese will start on November 6th and continue through November 13th, 20th and 27th. Bright's cheeses come in various gift box sizes ideal for Christmas gifts. Members of the A.K.D. will take orders during coffee hour. Delivery is expected on December 8th.



**"Work for the Lord. The pay isn't much,
but His retirement plan is out of this world!"**

CANADA YOUTH 2006--CY2006

Will you join youth and youth leaders from all over the country Canada Youth 2006 from July 4-9? Like Triennium, this conference happens every third year, but it is an initiative of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Like the previous two CY this will take place at Brock University in St. Catharines. There will be three “tracks”—one for youth ages 15-19, one for Leaders 21+ and a Mission track for young adults ages 19-23.

Participants in the conference track (ages 15-19) will discover, grow, worship and play with young people from across the country. It will be a time to challenge you in faith, a time to share your story and to celebrate your diversity, vitality and love of Christ.

Those joining the Youth Ministry Training Track will get re-charged with great plenary sessions, interactive workshops, dynamic panel discussions and the opportunity to swap youth ministry ideas with colleagues from across the country. There will be opportunity to replenish the spirit, rejuvenate energy and refine youth ministry programs.

Participants in the Mission Track (ages 19-23) will experience a new awareness of service and action. Working in partnership, you will offer your gifts to others in work projects and mission experiences in and around St. Catharines.

The whole CY2006 community will gather together throughout the week for soul-satisfying worship, concerts, recreation, small group discussions, workshops, faith explorations, and joyful celebration.

For more information see Rev. Jan or visit www.presbyterian.ca

The Generosity

Isn't it amazing that person creates response. In to Nicaragua in



brainstorming about what is needed there. My thoughts are for the staff at the hospitals (not a stretch for me!) and I wondered how we can help the staff. Since salaries do not come close to North American standards, I thought why not take something for the front line workers. Mentioning this to a few staff at Guelph General Hospital eventually triggered a series of e-mails which in turn have netted our trip over 200 uniforms. As well, we gathered 300 items such as travel size shampoo, creame rinse, combs and pouches for delivering these goodies to the cancer patients - our focus for this mission trip. One conversation can work miracles! Cindy Bray

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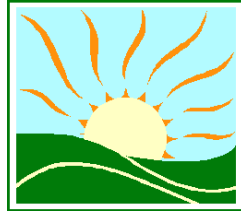


- Nov. 4 **Outreach Youth**
Joseph & The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
- Nov. 11 **Core Youth**
First Baptist (Raptors \$30)
@ 2:15 p.m. - Core Youth
- Nov. 13 **Core Youth**
First Baptist (Storm \$10)
@ 6:00 p.m. - Core Youth
Kick Off Bible Studies
- Nov. 14 **Core Youth**
@ 7:00 p.m. - Core Youth
Sparkle Party @ Royal City
- Nov. 18 **Core Junior Youth**
Mad Science @ St. Andrew's
- Nov. 25 **Core Youth**
@ 9:00 a.m. - Outreach Youth
Babysitting Fundraiser (until 5 p.m.)
Parents are free to do their Christmas Shopping!
- Nov. 26 **Core Senior Youth**
Lego Charades @ First Baptist
- Nov. 27 **Core Youth**
@ 7:00 p.m. - Core Youth
Bible Study
- Nov. 28



Morning's Light

Morning's Light began its Fall term on Saturday, October 2, 2005 in the bright and pleasant surroundings of Springfield Golf and Country Club. With the sounds of good conversation and the clinking of dishes we know that everyone enjoyed a full and delicious breakfast.



Morning's Light has been successfully meeting since 1996 and is a breakfast event for all women in our church and in our community. Our guest speakers are inspirational, interesting and keep us up to-date on the many topics and good works that go on in our world today. In October, Sonya Henderson spoke on her experiences working in Eastern Europe under the auspices of the International Ministries of The Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Morning's Light is a delightful way to begin your Saturday morning. We start at 8:30 a.m. and by 10:30 a.m. you are on your way to enjoy the rest of the day feeling more knowledgeable, inspired and strengthened in Christ's world. Please plan to attend our upcoming events: Saturday, November 5, Robin Egressy, Public Educator with the Guelph-Wellington Women-in-Crisis will be our guest speaker. On Saturday, December 3, Bill Stevens will speak on "Genetically modified foods – should we stop the science?"

To register for breakfast and/or for more information please call St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church office (822-4772).

Looking forward to seeing you at Morning's Light!

Joys and Concerns

We celebrate with:

the **Hoysa Family** on the baptism of Justin Michael, and the **Dalgleish Family** upon the marriage of their son.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

the **Gooyers Family** on the death of Gwen's mother, the **Spira Family** on the death of Susan's mother and the **Marett Family** on the death of Jennifer's Brother-in-Law.

Soul Searching

Christian Smith a sociologist in the United States published a book entitled ***Soul Searching: The religious and spiritual lives of American Teenager***. Smith and co-writer Melinda Denton provide results and analysis of the largest study ever undertaken of religious lives of American youth. The study involved survey of 3290 teenagers followed up with more extended interviews of 267 of those surveyed. The results would be of value to religious leaders throughout North America.

I was recently privileged to participate in a weekend of discussion about this book. Around the table were professors from the Toronto School of Theology, Synod youth consultants from the Presbyterian Church, National Staff from the United Church in Canada, youth ministers from South Western Ontario and The Rev. Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean professor of Youth and Theology from Princeton.

We focussed mainly on Smith's conclusion about the practiced faith of American Teenagers. He writes that teenagers seem to share a tacit, unacknowledged common creed he calls "Moralistic Therapeutic Deism" (MTD). According to what he found he says American Teenagers talk and act as if they believe:

- 1) A God exists who created and orders the world and watches over human life on earth
- 2) God wants people to be good, nice and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and most world religions.
- 3) The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself
- 4) God does not need to be involved in my life except when I need God to resolve a problem
- 5) Good people go to heaven when they die.

Our discussion was far ranging and included personal thoughts as well as critical evaluation of the study and how it might be true for youth in Canada. We also considered the implications of the book for the Church, particularly in USA and Canada.

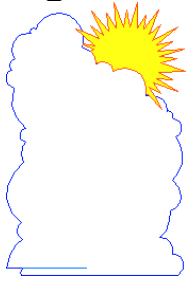
I wonder what members of St. Andrew's think about the findings of Christian Smith. Might they be true in Guelph? Are they disturbing? What might they mean for a congregation? For individuals? For denominations?

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel will save it...." (Mark 8:34 ff)

A copy of this book will soon be available in the library.

Jan Hazlett

Light Reflection



I enjoy fall days with the frosty mornings, the trees bursting forth in reds, oranges and yellows and the crunch of leaves underfoot. But as days shorten, by day the sun seems more feeble and night time mist eats up all available light, I brace for the coming months of darkness. I regret this march into days of bone chilling cold and dreary damp. I steel myself for the heaviness of mood. And I again await winter solstice with its promise of increasing light.

It is with this experience of fall that I approach the gospel of John. I have known that gray emptiness of feeling all alone in the world. I have known the bone chilling fear of judgment for sins imagined and real. I have known the waning light of living without adequate time waiting for God in prayer.

It is with a thrill that I read "In him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:4,5)

I bring all my past readings, times of darkness and of light as I remember the actions of our amazing, all loving God in Jesus. I am reminded that in Christ is life, and light for even me. The light of Christ cannot be put out by any darkness.

As we go through the fall and approach again the miracle of Christ's birth, the light of God coming into the world in flesh, may we make time in our busy schedules to be open to the life and light that God brings, even now, even today. And as we are open may we be one with Christ, and He one with us.

In this season of dark and damp let us remember that the true light has come into the world. With the light of the world in us, may our actions and words bring others to recognize that the "true light which enlightens everyone was coming into the world." (John 1:9) As individuals and as a community of faith may we intentionally live as 'the light of the world....let our light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven' (Matthew 5:14,16) Rev. Jan Hazlett

"There came a time when the risk to remain tight in the bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom."
Anais Nin

Chalmers Dinner

The Outreach Committee, with the help of others, will be serving the Chalmers Church Saturday Night Dinner on November 12th. The menu consists of Shepherd's Pie, Peas, Carrots, Rolls, Pickles, Cheese and Cookies/Squares. We would appreciate help with donations of food, money or your physical presence. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the church hall. Thank You.



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 Church 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.