

News and Events

Women's Missionary Society Presbyterian meeting was held on Monday September 8, 2008. Presbyterian World Service and Development presents "The Work of Many Hands" stories of Missions. This book is available free of charge.

"The Revelations" in concert, an evening of southern gospel music sprinkled with laughter. Sunday October 5 @ 7:00pm at Waterloo North Presbyterian Church, 685 Highpoint Ave, Waterloo @ Northfield and Westmount Roads. Free Will Offering. We are wheelchair accessible, for more information phone the church at 519-888-7870

Women's Missionary Society of Waterloo-Wellington Presbyterian "Fall Rally" will be held on **Monday October 6, 2008** at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church located at 73 Queen St. E. in Hespeler, Ontario. Refreshments at 1:00pm with the meeting commencing at 1:30pm. The theme is "Our Missions in the Ukraine" a presentation by the members of the Mission Exposure Team from Hespeler.

Sale of Art by John Mattar will be held Saturday October 11th & 18th, 2008 from 12pm to 5pm at 21 Dumbarton Street, Guelph.

Breakfast @ St. Andrew's: An All Inclusive Time Together



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.

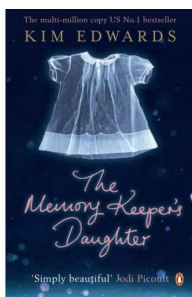
Won't you join us and bring a friend too.

Upcoming Speakers:

On Saturday **October 18th**, we continue the fall season with **Prof. Larry Harder**. Larry will speak on "Landscape and Meaning: Examples from Israel, Palestine and El Salvador."

His Bio: Larry Harder, a Canadian, is a landscape architect (MLA Harvard; BES Manitoba) who teaches in the Landscape Architecture Program in the University of Guelph. What motivates Larry is to understand the interaction of physical and cultural forces through the passage of time. Larry's current research interests are in post-war and post-disaster reconstruction, focussing on the cultural landscape and human rights and justice issues, the ethical role of professionals, and the notion of "the right to landscape." In the summer of 2006, he spent three months as a human rights volunteer in Palestine and Israel, living in a small village in Palestine and observing the landscape issues. In May, 2007 he was part of a delegation to El Salvador, where he observed landscape and land planning conditions in the post-civil war period, which has been followed up by student proposals for a "Garden for Peace through the Arts" with a Salvadoran organization. In December of 2007, he gave a paper at an international conference on "Conservation and Management of Landscapes in Conflict Zones," which was followed by other talks in Palestine and the American University in Beirut.

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



THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER

by Kim Edwards

On **Friday October 24th**, 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: The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls (Nov.)

Knox Guelph Missions Event is **November 1 and 2, 2008**. Saturday November 1st a potluck dinner and everyone is welcome. Pauline Brown and The Rev. Emmanuel Ariel, a guest from India will be the speakers.

Women's Missionary Projects \$25.00 Buy a brick to build a new hostel at the Jobat Christian School India. Donations can be sent to W.M.S. treasurer.

On The Trail Again!

For those who are new to our congregation, The Bible Trail was launched in September 2006 as a way of increasing our understanding of our sacred scriptures. Our plan is to read, discuss and hear sermons on every book of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation over two and a half years. The **Thursday Morning Trail Party continues every Thursday until Nov. 27th**. We start at 10:00am and depending on discussion conclude around 11:15am. Hope to see you there. If you are interested in starting your own Trail Party, let us know so that we can advertise it and get others on The Trail.



Thanksgivings & Concerns

We celebrate with those couples married in September at St. Andrew's:

Ian Hayhurst & Carolyn Foster - September 13

Stephen Wilson & Crystal Wardell – September 27

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

We mourn with family and friends of those who passed away this month:

Marjorie Davies and Jim Brisbin.

'Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.'

Committees and Groups

St. Andrew's Women's Missionary Society 120th Anniversary
October 17, 1888 – October 17, 2008

In 1876 the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada approved the formation of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and commended the Society to the

Church. In Guelph a Union Society of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was inaugurated in 1884. Composed of women from Chalmer's, Knox and St. Andrew's churches it held monthly meetings in St Andrew's schoolroom. This organization continued for four years, at which time each church began an Auxiliary of its own.

On October 17, 1888, St. Andrew's Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society held its first meeting. The worship service was conducted by Mrs. David McCrae, the mother of Lt. Col John McCrae, author of "In Flanders Fields".

In 1914 all the women's Missionary groups in the Presbyterian Church west of the Maritimes amalgamated into the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division). Over the course of the 120 years 43 ladies have held the office of President of our St. Andrew's W.M.S. Missions, the focus of our meetings, has been pursued through mission study, hearing missionaries home on furlough speak at our meetings, supporting mission work through our giving's and maintaining contact with those in the mission field with cards and letters. Since the late 1920's we have supported the Leprosy Mission – Canada.

Prayer has played a major role in the life of the society. Prayers for missionaries and their work are an important part of each meeting. Since 1933 when the World Day of Prayer services began some our members have represented our group as participants in these services. Music and the singing of hymns at our meetings adds joy to our gatherings.

Our 100th anniversary in 1988 was commemorated by the making of the banner "The World for Christ" which hangs in the church hall.

Here we are today, 20 years later continuing in the words of our purpose as a community of Christian women, responding to the love of God in Jesus Christ, encouraging on another and all the people of the Church to be involved in local and world mission through prayer, study, service and fellowship.

Catharine Johnston, President

St. Andrew's 180th anniversary year has been a busy one in the life of the church. But efforts to commemorate this milestone did not end on Anniversary Sunday. Here are a few projects the 180° Committee is working on:

My Neighbour's House. Planning continues for this exciting *Habitat for Humanity* project in 2009. Watch carefully for information on the many ways you can contribute financially or physically, to this multi-faith build in Wellington County.

A Vision for the Future: Mission & Values. On Sunday October 19, the Rev. John Peter Smit will preach on the important subject of the Church's mission and vision. After that, there will be opportunities to contribute your ideas as we consult and prepare a St. Andrew's vision statement for the congregation.

Natural Church Development ('NCD'). Another survey process that will help create our Vision / Strategic Plan for the future. Your opinions on church development may be sought, so be sure to have them ready this Fall!

Special Services. Watch for special themes that will be part of our weekly worship, especially in November. We're planning an "All Saints" theme on November 2, and a special focus on veterans for this year's Remembrance Day service on November 9.

Christian Education Open House. Planned for early next year, an opportunity to unveil the extreme makeover in our new & improved Christian Ed wing. All this.....and pizza too!

As you can see, St. Andrew's 180th anniversary celebrations are still in full swing. We hope many of these events will become traditions which began during this special year.

Paul Evans, 180 Degrees Committee

Opportunities

Glad Tidings is the mission magazine of the Women's Missionary Society, The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Six times a year you will be challenged by inspirational articles, hear from mission workers from The Presbyterian Church in Canada, find useful devotional and worship materials, be challenged to action, and enjoy book reviews, poetry, and more. **Glad Tidings** is available in magazine format, large print and on audiocassette. Subscription rate for 2009 is \$14.00 per year (includes GST). Please contact Mary Fountain (Glad Tidings Secretary) at 519-822-6508 to subscribe.

Giving Thanks

Since its earliest days, one of the ways that the Christian Church has made known our relationship with God and with each other is in our table fellowship. In a time when what you ate and who you ate it with marked your status in society, the members of the early church stood out in the way they all sat together, broke bread and shared of what they had with one another giving thanks to God.

Following in this path, on the Saturday of the Thanksgiving weekend, volunteers from St. Andrews and Kortright Presbyterian churches will be providing and serving Saturday Night Supper (which was previously known as the Chalmers Dinner) in downtown Guelph. When I was asking around no one could tell me how long exactly St Andrews has been participating in this outreach ministry but it has been at least ten years. People prepare the meals in their homes and then bring them to Royal City Evangelical Church on Quebec Street. Many evenings there are upwards of 100 people who show up to receive the meal. It is a great evening for all who participate.

Because of the large number of congregations from around Guelph who help out with the dinners, St Andrews turn to serve only comes up once every three months. Everyone is invited and welcome to participate and sign up sheets are available in the church and at coffee hour a month in advance of each of our turns. At the moment, in addition to volunteers to cook and serve, the outreach committee is looking for someone to take on the job of co-ordinating the suppers. This is not a time consuming task and largely consists of providing the sign up sheets, buying a few supplies that are not donated and being present on the night of the supper to oversee set up, serving and clean up.

Anyone interested in learning more or participating in this ministry can speak to one of the members of the outreach committee. They are Rick McRonald, Pauline Sanderson, Knolly Toolsie, Leslie Lougheed, Margaret Blatherwick and Karen Dimock.

The Guelph Multi-Faith Initiative (a collection of representatives from different Faith Communities) is calling for Equality, Respect, Collaboration and Harmony in the upcoming coming Federal Election.

We wish to affirm these values to all voters, candidates, the media, each other and ourselves, by standing together as a Community.

The whole community of Guelph, all political parties and those uninterested in the parties, is invited to come together to inspire and demonstrate these very important values, and live them together.

Please join us on Sunday October 5th, at 1:00 p.m. in front of the Quebec Street Mall, for a welcome from representatives of the Guelph Multi-Faith Initiative, a time of shared silence, a time to share our dreams for Canada, and a time to sing together. Children are very welcome.

"By coming together, we can look beyond frustration and despair to the strength of action from the heart."