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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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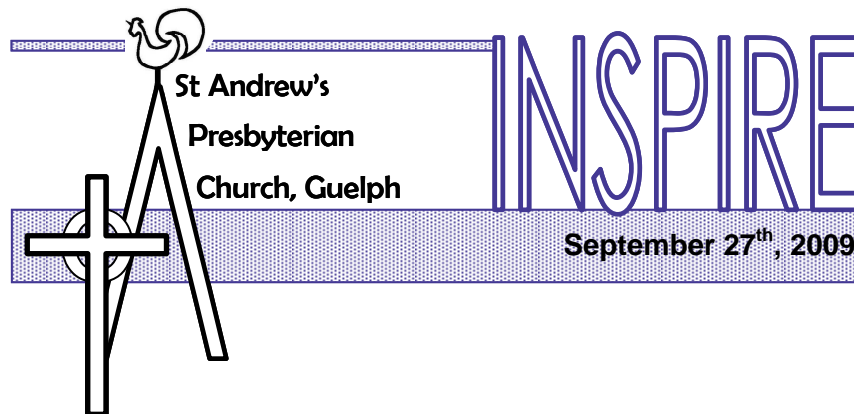
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Sunday Services

10:30 a.m.



Do Blondes Have More Fun?

I hope to find out this month. With only a few weeks to go, I'm looking forward to the congregation's generous response to the PWS&D Campaign for Afghanistan. If we raise \$5,000 as a congregation, I will go blonde. \$10,000 and it will be 'skunk'. While this challenge is all in lighthearted fun, I hope you will answer the serious prayers of the young Afghan women whose desire is to learn and attend school. I'm confident St. Andrew's will be a part of answering this fervent prayer.

I'm also very excited that we are in the final stretch to finishing My Neighbour's House. The Build is going very well and we hope that without any unforeseen delays that our families will move in sometime in November/December. We have two more 'BIG' events to raise funds for the Build and raise the profile of St. Andrew's in the community. On October 30th, we are hosting a silent film night again. With the great success of the previous one a year or two ago, we hope to attract even more people to our premiere showing of the 1925 silent version of The Phantom of the Opera. Concert organist Ian Sadler will be accompanying the film and making the experience something to remember. Also, plans are well underway for our Celebration Dinner and Auction in support of Habitat at the Delta Guelph. We have been working in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Wellington County and the Delta Guelph Hotel to create an evening of fun, food, and fundraising. Hope to see you out on Thursday November 5th at the Delta Guelph. We look forward to making a difference in the lives of those who are unable to afford adequate housing in our community. See you in worship... if you don't recognize me, I might be the blonde gentleman in the pulpit.
John.

Opportunities



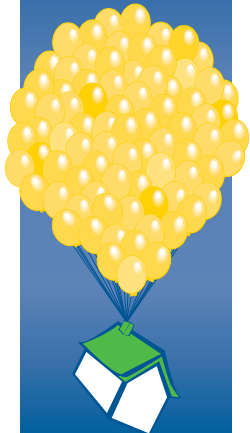
BUILDING a Dream

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Inaugural
Celebration

Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009
at Delta Guelph Hotel
and Conference Centre



*Building
partnerships for
our community's
families*

“Building a Dream”

We invite you to attend the **1st Annual Celebration Dinner & Auction: “Building a Dream”** sponsored by Whirlpool Canada and in partnership with the Delta Guelph Hotel and various faith communities in our city to raise money for Habitat for Humanity Wellington County. It will be held at the Delta Guelph Hotel on the evening of **Thursday November 5th**. Tickets are **\$75/person** or a **table of 10 for \$700** and will be available in October at Delta Guelph or the Habitat Office on Speedvale. Members from St. Andrew's have been working hard to make this evening a great success.

The Build on Johnston Street continues. They continue to seek volunteers. Much of the work is now indoors. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Habitat directly at 519.767.9752. Donations to My Neighbour's House are still greatly appreciated (third line of your offering envelope or cheques to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church with My Neighbour's House in the memo line).

There are over 700 families in Guelph alone that could benefit from Habitat for Humanity's home ownership solution to affordable housing. Please be a part of the success stories that we create by building and renovating homes so that families can live in safe and affordable housing.

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News and Events

Saturday Night Supper (SNS)

St. Andrew's & Kortright will be hosting the SNS on **Saturday, Oct. 3rd**. We will be needing donations of food and helpers (financial donations also welcome). St. Andrew's will be supplying the main dish – **Shepherd's Pie and Coleslaw**. A sign up sheet will be available the welcome centre and we would appreciate your help. Any questions, please call the office or speak to Margaret B (519.824.2928). Thank you.



Our Own David Gillham in Worship

Violinist **David Gillham**, who will be part of the service on Sunday, October 4, grew up in St. Andrew's church and performed here frequently as a child and teenager. David holds music degrees from the University of Manitoba, Indiana University at Bloomington, and the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University. Presently, he is a member of the faculty of the University of Missouri at St. Louis, and a member of the Arianna String Quartet, the University's quartet-in-residence. www.ariannaquartet.com

‘Living on Less’ – St. James the Apostle Church

Start your week by exploring ways to make positive choices and meet the challenges we now have while "Living on Less". This free, eight week program is at St. James the Apostle Church, Glasgow and Paisley starts **Monday Oct. 19 at 9:00AM running to 11:30AM**. Refreshments served. At 9:30AM expert facilitators from the community will lead us in the various topics - finances, food, clothing, housing, health, job search and other issues according to your need. There is a child program for a limited number. Pre registration for your child is essential. Call Ann for further information 519.837.1061.

Silent Movie Night... in Support of My Neighbour's House



On **Friday October 30th** (the day before Halloween) at **8:00PM** (doors open at **7:30PM**), our sanctuary will be filled with the haunting sounds of organ music accompanying the 1925 silent movie "**The Phantom of the Opera**". Accompaniment will be provided by concert organist, Ian Sadler. Tickets will be available in advance from the Church Office (519.822.4772) and at the door. All proceeds will go to support My

Neighbour's House (our 2009 Multi-Faith Habitat for Humanity Build). Tickets are \$15 per adult, \$35 for a family, \$12 student/senior, \$5 child (6-12) and under 6 free.



Dead Sea Scrolls @ The ROM

If you are still interested in joining our congregational trip to the ROM to see the Dead Sea Scrolls, there are a few spaces left. The date is **Saturday November 7th**. We will leave Guelph around 9AM and depart Toronto around 4PM. We also have **an official cost/person... \$55**. This includes admission to the Scrolls exhibit with guided tour, lunch at the ROM, access to the rest of the ROM until 4PM and transportation. Discounts for children and students are still being worked out. All monies must be to Rev. John or the Church Office by October 18th.

Handling Church Finances

Anyone who has even a slight idea of the amount of work Jim Rife has done as Treasurer of St. Andrew's for the past 25 years, cannot help but wonder how all of those responsibilities will be handled in the future. In fact, it will take several people to do everything that Jim has been doing.

In the past two years, the Church has installed QuickBooks, a well-known piece of bookkeeping software. Some of the financial recordkeeping has already been migrated to it. The plan is to hire, part-time, an external bookkeeper familiar with the software to analyze what more can be handled by QuickBooks, to execute the migration and then to carry out a significant portion of the hands-on record-keeping and report-production for us.

A number of other tasks that Jim has assumed over time will now be executed by the Church Office or the Custodian, and plans are evolving to establish a team to oversee the weekly offering and the various responsibilities that flow from it.

We will still need a Church Treasurer, but the position will be one of administrative oversight.

A bookkeeper has been identified. She is Sharon Van Hemmen, and we look forward to her joining us in a few weeks.

A church member is giving serious consideration to assuming the leadership of the offering team.

We still need several additional helpers to make this work.

- We are seeking at least two and preferably three more people to be part of the offering team, so that no one person needs to be available every Sunday.
- We need a 'Treasurer'. This person would be a member of the Finance Committee, and would oversee the work of the bookkeeper and ensure the execution of the various other financial tasks by the various individuals identified to do them at a hands-on level.

We hope that by sharing the responsibilities we have created smaller workload packages that people can accommodate into their busy lives. We urge you to consider these volunteer opportunities, and, if you feel you could help with any of them, we would very much like to hear from you.

Virginia Gillham

Jim Rife



When Jim Rife steps down as Treasurer of St. Andrew's at the end of September, he will have been in the position almost exactly 25 years. His own tenure can correctly be referred to as an 'era', but in fact he is the second generation of his family to fill the position. Jim was born into St. Andrew's. Both of his parents

were active members, and his father was Clerk of Session and Treasurer of the Sunday School for 29 years. In other words, St. Andrew's finances have been shepherded by the Rife family for more than fifty years!

Finding a way to thank Jim for all he has done and continues to do for St. Andrew's is a major challenge. Filling his shoes is proving to be an even bigger one. As will be apparent from an explanatory piece elsewhere in this issue of Inspire, it will, quite literally, require six people (and a machine!) to pick up the enormous workload Jim has been carrying. Along the way, as various volunteers needed to be relieved of their responsibilities, Jim just quietly picked them up and added them to his own. Few people are aware of the diversity of the things Jim does for the church. They only know he is always there when we need him.

Thanks, Jim, from the bottom of our collective hearts. We hope you enjoy having a little more free time, and that now, while others are tending to Sunday's financial matters, you will join the rest of us for coffee after the service.

Virginia Gillham

Presbyterian Prayer Partnership

You will find a copy of the Presbyterian Prayer Partnership in your Inspire today. This publication is sent distributed by our denomination. We plan to include this Prayer calendar in the Inspire monthly from now on. If you had previously received it personally, you may now find it here for your convenience.

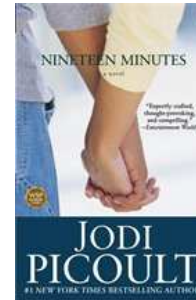
Committees and Groups

The Party Continues... Trail Party that is...

On **Thursday Sept. 17th at 10:00am**, we will gather again in the Parlour for a time of discussion and fellowship around our faith and our Scriptures. It was suggested that we discuss **formation of The Bible and the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls** in preparation for our trip to the ROM in November. Join us as we engage in these topics until November 12th (no Party on October 8th). We will start our study looking at the formation of the Bible based on Karen Armstrong's book, **The Bible: A Biography** and then spend the rest of our time looking specifically at the Dead Sea Scrolls. And look to coming issues of the Inspire as we launch **The Bible Trail 2.0 – Gospel Trek**.

Friday Brown Bag...

& Good Food, Good Book and Good Nite



NINETEEN MINUTES by Jodi Picoult

On **Friday October 23rd**, 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 dates and titles:

November 20th – **The Translator** by Daoud Hari

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.



On Saturday **October 17th**, we will have our own Jennifer Marett talk to us about "What Kenya Taught Me About God."

Her Bio: Jennifer Marett is married with two children and has lived in Guelph since 1989. She is a Registered Dietitian with a passion for missions. She will be sharing with us her journey to Kenya with World Vision Canada.

Connecting you to the world... Glad Tidings

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 audio-cassette. Subscription rate for 2010 is \$14 per year (includes GST). Order from your local Glad Tidings Secretary: Mary Fountain (519) 822.6508

Why am I in church?

Have you ever sat in church and wondered "why am I here?why bother?why does it matter to be part of worship....part of a faith community? What sustains me?"

Of course there are various reasons....but for many of us it is because either now or in the past we've been part of a Bible-study or prayer group which has grown, strengthened and challenged our faith and nourished us spiritually and emotionally during stages of life's journey. I can certainly testify to that! Small groups have been a rock for me during the many changes I've had to deal with. The regular fellowship has been so important, but more than that has been the 'talking faith' stuff which has led to a deepening understanding of what it means to be a Christian and how God has been in my life, working through the Holy Spirit in amazing ways.

There's been something of a tradition at St. A's to assume that the minister should lead Bible Study....and my goodness...we are so blessed to have Rev John who has brought the Bible to life for us on Thursday mornings! But his time is limited, and certainly for me over the years, some of the most insightful moments have come through leading or participating in groups seeking meaning in scripture together. Truly God was with us, inspiring us through the Holy Spirit....and creating bonds between us.

Our church needs small groups....and we need them! Doc Bob has been promoting the vision all summer and now is time to act....to step out of our reliance on the Rev. and have the courage to do 'God talk' with others....to believe that the Holy Spirit will be with us and will inspire us....by God's grace, we can all take turns to lead Bible study!.....so let's do it!!

Janet Dalgleish

Mission Focus for 2009-10

Prayer (answer to)

PWS&D Afghanistan

\$106 gift x 1650 girls =
EDUCATION + HOPE

It costs our Canadian
government /tax payers
\$3200 to send one child to
school for a year.

PWS&D along with their
partners in Afghanistan can
bring health care and education to a girl for \$106 a year.

How many girls can your church family send to school in
Afghanistan?

The "We are the Hope" Committee asks every church family
to participate in the ONE gift Campaign!

Here's how you can help!

1. Prayerfully consider putting together a team of participants or individual to collect pledges and walk/run/bike on **October 18, 2009** (walk 5 or 10 km.) (run 5 or 10 km) (bike 10 or 20 km) at **Pax Glen Camp, Princess Street, Glen Morris**, Ontario on the beautiful Cambridge - Paris rail trail.
2. Recruit a runner or runners in your church community who will run a 16.50 km trail race which represents the 1650 girls we hope to send to school in Loughman Province, Afghanistan. The church can rally behind them and collect sponsors to support their efforts.
3. Encourage your church family to contribute the proceeds of ONE church fundraiser and bring your gifts to the celebration on October 18, 2009 for dedication.



Teen Tutoring Program

Volunteers are still needed for this program. If you have a gift in teaching specific subjects please add your name to the list at the Welcome Centre. An information night will be held soon to go over the specifics of the program.

Wonderland: October 17

The youth will be going to Wonderland on October 17th. We leave at 9:00 am and will return at approximately 7:00 pm. The cost is \$45 a person, which includes your wristband for the day and your lunch. You must RSVP and pay to hold your spot in the vans. Sponsorship is also available for those who require financial assistance.

Bake Sale Apology

On behalf of the youth we'd like to apologize for any inconvenience that our Apple Pie sales may have caused. We discovered, after the sale, that an error was made and several of the pies turned out salty and inedible. We thank you for your ongoing support of our Youth Retreat, by purchasing our baked goods, and hope that this error will in no way deter you from supporting us in the future. However, if you would like a full refund for the cost of your pie, or in lieu of such would like to take a pie of the same size in this week's variety, we would be more than happy to oblige. Thanks for your understanding, patience and grace in this matter.

In Christ,
Matt Foxall, Director of Youth Ministry

Youth Spot Light

Meet our Volunteers Andrew D'Aoust and Brittany Jerse



Andrew and Brittany are both new here at St. Andrew's. After seeing our sign out front last year promoting Bring a Friend Sunday Andrew and Brittany came to check out the church and have been here ever since. After a few short months they offered to assist in Youth Ministry and have been building friendships with all our teens on a regular basis on Friday evenings. Both Andrew and Brittany live and work in Guelph. Brittany is also currently studying at Conestoga College. Last year the Youth Leadership Team sent Andrew and Brittany to be St. Andrew's representatives at Canada Youth 2009, which they attended and had a blast learning more about youth ministry.

“Listening to, and Talking to God in a Small Group”

Jesus called together a small group of disciples to journey with him; in order to learn from him, to pray with him to his Father, and to serve others. They were constant in this even after his resurrection: *“they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers”* (Acts 2:42). This continues to be the pattern for Christians today: listening to the Word of God in Holy Scripture, having fellowship with that Word in Jesus Christ, praying to God the Father through Christ and following the Spirit of God in the midst of a small group, but looking out into the world around us. The session of St. Andrew's have called us to engage in this pattern in a more extensive manner through reading Scripture and praying in many small communities.

It is a relatively simple process, just gather a group (of 6- 10) in your neighbourhood or around some other unifying factor, set a meeting date and place. When you gather read a short passage, meditate on it, share what we each heard God saying to us, and then respond to God in prayer. (Resources have been made available from Dr. Bob to help in this.) The meeting place, leadership and hosting can circulate over time. The small group should meet at least once a month, or more often if you choose. As you get to know each other you will want to spend more quality time together. Rather than being a burden in your already crowded and busy life, the group can become a blessing and help.

Authentic Christian community develops as the group cares and supports each other. As you get to know each other you can express some common aim for the group (like helping to develop a Christ honouring life where we live, play and work). Gatherings from churches elsewhere have shown that small groups are the best vehicle to help Christians to experience & share Christ's love, overcome life's obstacles, and grow in God's grace.

Jesus promised, *“if you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”* This promise was initially fulfilled in the first Century: “day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” It will be fulfilled again, as we engage in developing many such small groups for St. Andrew’s.

(There will be another modeling of this small group process in the church Hall on Sunday morning October 25 at 9:15 a.m.)

Dr. Bob Spencer, Minister-in-Association

Youth News – October 2009

Youth ministry has kicked off for yet another year! In a few short weeks we’ve already seen up to 23 young people, with our kick off bringing out a record high of 16. Our Youth Drop-In began on September 15th and had 9 teens come just to hang out have fun and even do some homework. Let’s keep up this great momentum!

Here is a look at what’s happening in the upcoming month:

Crieff Hills Youth Retreat: October 2-4

This event is almost full so if you want to attend please speak with Matt ASAP. The cost of the event is \$85 a person. Sponsorship is available for those who require financial assistance.

Youth Drop-In: October 6 and 20

Our Youth Drop-In continues from 3:00-6:00 pm on October 6th and 20th. Come drop in to the church for some down time to talk with your friends, do homework, play video games or just watch a movie. Everyone is welcome!

Stay and walk the beautiful Cambridge to Paris Rail Trail and enjoy God’s gift of nature as you reflect, meditate or pray.

Please send your gift to arrive before October 18th so that we can include it in our totals for dedication and acknowledgement. Cheques should be made payable to PWS&D.

And remember Rev. John has committed to ‘going blonde’ if we raise \$5,000 as a congregation by October 18th and he’ll ‘go skunk’ if we raise \$10,000. GO SKUNK! And bring hope to a young girl in Afghanistan. Together we can make a difference.



Prayers and Blessings

We are pleased to inform you that Session has approved a new electronic publication, **Prayers and Blessings**, for members of St. Andrew’s.

The purpose of **Prayers and Blessings** is to share news about members and activities of our church family by email. It will focus primarily on those who need our prayers because of sickness or other difficulties. We will try to keep you informed on a weekly basis about who is in hospital or sick at home, and how they are progressing. We will also share some of the many blessings which we experience at St. Andrew’s.

At the present time Margaret Blatherwick has many of your email addresses. We assume you want to be included in this ministry and receive this information, but if you do not, please inform Margaret within the next week. If Margaret does not have your email address and you want to receive **Prayers and Blessings**, please give her your email address as soon as possible.

We look forward to getting the first update out to you soon. If you have any information you would like to share, please contact us at: mckinnie@sympatico.ca or 519.836.9006.

Thank you for supporting this ministry. Sheilagh and Bill McKinnie