

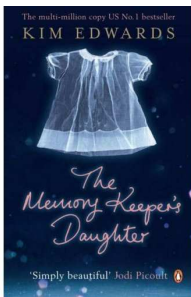
News and Events

Final leg for 2008!

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. 20th**. 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.



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



THE GLASS CASTLE by Jeannette Walls

On **Friday November 21st**, 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.

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 Speaker:

On Saturday **November 15th**, we conclude the fall season with **Diane Nelson**. Diane is the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Wellington County. Diane will highlight the work of Habitat as well as celebrate with us our 180th Anniversary project, 'My Neighbour's House', a multi-faith Habitat build scheduled for the summer of 2009.

Breakfast @ St. Andrew's will return on January 17th.

Thanksgivings & Concerns

We celebrate with those couples married over the last month at St. Andrew's:

Sharon Bell and Earl Gates - October 18

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

We mourn with family and friends of those who passed away over the last month:

George Van Hare Jr.

Rick Richards

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

Opportunities

How Can I Support 'My Neighbour's House'?



In the spring of this year, St. Andrew's issued an invitation to Guelph's faith communities to partner with us in building a multi-faith Habitat for Humanity home in the summer of 2009. The idea was embraced enthusiastically and we have been encouraged by the generosity and creativity of our citizens. Recently, someone asked 'How do I make a donation to My Neighbour's House?'. We figured if one person was asking there must be a few more with the same question out there... so here is how:

1. If you are member of St. Andrew's you can make a donation through your offering envelopes by marking 'My Neighbour's House' on the third line. If you don't have envelopes, you can place your donation in the offering place and ensure that it is clearly marked 'My Neighbour's House' and don't forget your contact information if you would like a tax receipt at the end of the year.
2. Another way to make a donation is by giving directly to Habitat for Humanity Wellington County. Their contact information is: Habitat for Humanity Wellington County, Unit 3a, 45 Dawson Road, Guelph, Ontario Canada N1H 1B1 (519.767.9752). Be sure to indicate the donation is for 'My Neighbour's House' so that it will be credited for our project.
3. Another way to make a contribution is by participating in 'My Neighbour's House' fundraisers like the Rockton Theatre Night on December 4th or the Silent Movie and Organ Night coming up in the late spring and many other events that are planned for the coming year.
4. Some creative friends of 'My Neighbour's House' have been encouraging people to donate to the project in lieu of presents for special occasions. The Robertsons did so with their wedding anniversary and the Nicols are doing the same as they celebrate Nancy's birthday this year. This has been a great way of raising funds for the project and our thanks to those whose celebrations have made a difference towards our goal.
5. Finally, the Church Office has a supply of blank cards with a lovely photo of one of our stained glass windows. Someone has suggested that if you are looking for a Christmas gift for friends or family, you could make a donation to 'My Neighbour's House' in their honour and then send them a card acknowledging that a gift has been made in their honour. What a great idea!

We look forward to building 'My Neighbour's House' and are confident that many from our city will come alongside us with hammers and workboots to build a life for one of our citizens in need. For more information, contact Rev. John.



Christmas Already ? ? ?

Join us on December 4th for a night of fun and fellowship

The Rockton Village Theatre presents...

MISTLETOE MADNESS : A Comedy

(special dress rehearsal performance)

Thursday December 4th at 7:30PM
Rockton Village Theatre
\$10.00/ person

All proceeds go to “My Neighbours House”, our multi-faith Habitat for Humanity build.

Please sign up at the Welcome Centre or call the office. If there is enough interest we may hire a bus to take us there for a nominal cost.

Committees and Groups

From the Congregational Care Team

“CONNECTORS”.....“Wire up and Connect”.....“PLUG IN”

This is not usual ‘church’ language, but we use it to describe how we are doing Congregational Care at St. Andrew’s.



Traditionally, each household associated with the congregation was assigned to an Elder’s District, and elders were supposed to visit before every Communion, which some people enjoyed, but for others, it was a struggle. When Term Eldership with a smaller Session was introduced, things had to be done differently. No longer would visiting be done only by elders....we all have the potential to ‘be the church’ for others.

Many people within the congregation were already reaching out to folks they cared about, and it made sense to build on their strengths....and so “Connecting” was born. Two years ago, the new CC Team struggled to find another title, but being “Connectors” is what it’s all about....being the link between individuals and the church.

And how do we do energise our connectors?....we plug them in of course!

Our next **Plug-In Workshop** will be held on Saturday November 1st (9:15 – 11:30) and it will again be led by John Peter Smit. (Synod Congregational Development Consultant) This is an opportunity for our Connectors and anyone who is considering becoming one, to

share experiences and ideas and deepen our understanding about how and why we are playing such an important part in maintaining the vitality of our faith community.

There are still households without Connectors because we do not want to over-burden those who are already involved. Would you like to reach out to 2 or 3 households?....to newcomers? by formalising an existing network? or by making contact with people who no longer attend regularly?

If you are interested, please sign up to **Plug-In** on November 1st or contact Catharine Johnston or Janet Dalgleish

Greetings from the 180 Anniversary Committee,

and warm wishes as fall approaches! Our committee is in full swing this fall, planning events for all of us here at St. Andrews to take part in, or benefit from.

On November 9th, we will be having our Remembrance Day service. In our anniversary year, we want to use this day to pay homage to all of the war veterans in our congregation, to celebrate them and show our gratitude. Without the efforts of these men and women we might not have been able to reach a 180 anniversary at all. On this day we extend an invitation for all veterans to wear their uniforms or medals. Also, we will have guest speaker Ken Irvine from McCrae house come to talk to the congregation about our most famous soldier.

The process of developing our Mission and Vision statement has taken an interesting turn as you may well know. We had decided to take part in the Natural Church Development Survey to glean some information about what sort of congregation we are, and would like to be. This survey was administered and filled out on October 19th, with the help of our enigmatic guest preacher that day John Peter Smit. We would like to thank those that took part in the survey, for your time and valuable contribution. Our 180th committee is about reflecting on our incredible past and looking forward to our bright and promising future.

Julia Toth, 180°

The Women's Missionary Society

will be selling the Presbyterian Church Calendars at coffee hour during the month of November. The price of the beautiful calendars is \$3.00.