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**Canadian Tire Gas Receipts** - these gas receipts can be redeemed at Sobeys for groceries. *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 and the Aluminum Cans placed in the appropriate holder in the Church Hall***

The Church Administrator will be on holiday during the last two weeks in October. This will necessitate the delay of the publication of the next Inspire. The deadline for articles for the next edition will be October 28<sup>th</sup> and it will be available to you on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

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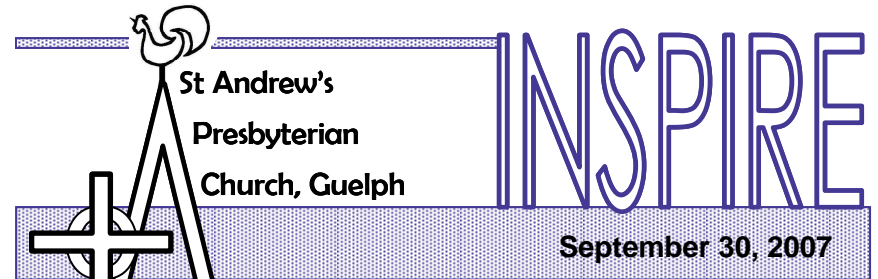
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#### **Sunday Services**

10:30 a.m.



### **Getting to Know YOU!**

Reflecting on our beginning of the year, I must say that I'm excited by the opportunities ahead of us and some that have already occurred. This issue of the Inspire outlines many of the upcoming events and opportunities in the life of our congregation. I'd encourage you to take part in those you can and hope that you'll find them a meaningful and enjoyable experience.

Last week (September 14-15) saw our Session participating in a Retreat to begin the new year. As you know we've welcomed several new Session members so the Retreat was an opportunity for the newcomers to get acquainted with the Session and the intricacies of being an Elder. A significant 'treat' of the Retreat was our guest leader, Dr. Lynda Pinnington. Lynda is a highly qualified and experienced facilitator and conference speaker. We were privileged to have her with us. She is also the Clerk of Session for Central Presbyterian Church, Cambridge and has served in that role for over a decade, so she certainly comes with an understanding of what eldership is all about. We concluded our Retreat with renewed energy and unified determination to enter this new year with strong and focused leadership for the benefit of our congregation and to God's glory.

Finally, as a follow up to the coffee parties in March, I've set visiting the households of the entire congregation as a personal priority for this year. Obviously, this is a daunting task but I thought you should know that this is what I'm trying to do so that when you receive a call to set up a time for me to visit with you you'll know why. Unfortunately, I can only visit so many homes each week ... it is too bad that sermon preparation, crises, and many other activities serve to foil my valiant attempts. If you'd really like a visit from me, please let me know by calling the Church Office and we'd be happy to accommodate you. So far, I've enjoyed the visits I've been able to make over the last few weeks and look forward to getting to know you better over the coming months... and years.

Rev. John Borthwick

## A Special Invitation to Members of St. Andrew's and Other Churches

Everyone at St. Andrew's is invited to attend this special conference on Islam, the world's fastest growing religion. Our speakers are experts and each brings a different perspective to this important subject. There will be time for questions and discussion. An information brochure with a registration form has been placed in your mail folder. Cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students (this includes lunch). Please complete the **registration form** and return it to May Goodwin before **October 19, 2007**. Hope you are able to come. For more information contact Karen Dimock or Bill McKinnie.

### Who is Our Neighbour? Looking at Islam Today St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Saturday, October 27, 2007 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

#### Conference Program

8:30 - 9:00

*Coffee and Registration*

9:00

*Welcome in Church Sanctuary*

Karen Dimock, Bill McKinnie,  
and the Rev. John Borthwick.

Session 1:

*Introduction to Islam*

Khalid Khokhar, Principal, Islamic School of  
Cambridge, and Iftikhar Sheikh, Imam, Multi-  
Faith Resource Team, University of Guelph.

#### Break

Session 2:

*Islam in a North American Context*

Dr. Meena Sharify-Funk, Ph. D. Assistant  
Professor, Religion and Culture Dept.,  
Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON.

#### Lunch and Conversation

Session 3:

*Women and Islam: My Story*

Ola Abu Saleh, student, University of Guelph  
and member of the Muslim

Students' Association.

Session 4:

**Wrap-up** session with our speakers.

2:30

Conference concludes.

## FOOD DRIVE

One Sunday of each month has been designated Food Drive Sunday. **October 14 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' – **October us dry pasta month**. A cash donation would also be greatly appreciated. (You may use 3<sup>rd</sup> line on Offering Envelope).  
The Outreach Committee



## Friday Brown Bag continues...

### The Attack by Yasmina Khadra



Join us on October 26th for conversation around a popular work of fiction and a brown bag lunch (coffee and tea provided). We will meet in the Church Parlour at 12:15 p.m. and will conclude our time together no later than 1:15 pm. The conversation will be led by The Rev. John Borthwick. All are welcome, and unlike most Book Clubs reading the book is not a requirement! Pre-registration is not required. (The book being read at the November 30th gathering will be "Keeping Faith" by Jodi Picoult)

## Secret Friends

Please keep writing or sending pictures back and forth even if you do not get a reply for several weeks. Often the adults get called away on holidays or business and sometimes the children can't make it to church for one reason or another. It doesn't hurt to let two or three letters pile up. It just makes it so that when the wayward return they are very much welcomed back. It is so good to see the children check their slots and have their eyes light up when they get a note. There are still some children who do not have an adult buddy. Please consider being part of this important program. Thanks, Mary Rife (519-822-7858)

## **St. Andrew's Mite Box Tea**



The idea for a 'Mite Box Tea' began many years ago at a meeting of the Women's Association. They wanted to raise funds for the church. They were given small boxes - Mite Boxes - at the beginning of the year, and when they could afford to drop a penny or two into the box, they did so (Luke 21 The Story of the Widow's Mite). These boxes were returned at their W.A. meeting in November where an afternoon tea was served. This 'tea' quickly became one of their favourite meetings, and they were very pleased to assist their church in this manner.

Years later, the ladies decided that this delightful afternoon should be shared with the women of St. Andrew's, and their friends. It continues to the present as they planned. The afternoon began with devotions in the Sanctuary, followed by a musical programme. On occasion, members of the church choir, and the organist, have provided the music. At other 'teas' the guests were known to the W.A. members, and were invited to share their talent with those who had come. The 'Mite Boxes' were replaced by a set fee paid at the door, as folk arrived at the church. The afternoon tea was served in the church hall and consisted of home-made scones, jam and whipped cream, and a 'proper' cup of tea served with the best china dishes, on tables set with pretty cloths and vases of flowers.

Men were included in this delightful afternoon several years ago. Our Women's Association had to stop meeting in 2001 because of age and infirmity, but the tea continues, so -

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN YOU ARE ALL INVITED BY  
THE A.K.D. CIRCLE TO**

**THE MITE BOX TEA  
WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2007  
2:00 P.M.**

**OUR GUEST MUSICIAN IS MARY-LYNN WHYTE  
HARP AND VOICE**

**DO COME AND BRING A FRIEND**  
Submitted by Jackie Darch

## **Welcome Jenny Emerson As Church School Team Leader!**

The Human Resources Committee of Session is very pleased to announce the appointment of Jenny Emerson as Church School Team Leader as of Tuesday, September 25, 2007. Jenny has been with the congregation for several years and has been involved with our Church School program as a teacher and helper at different times. Over the last year, Jenny stepped up into the role of leading our Church School as it underwent several challenges - especially around staffing. She has a passion for teaching and relates well to the children offering exciting and informative curriculum that truly engage our kids. Her claims to fame in the Church School have been last year's Christmas Pageant, the Bible Trail program and the S.S. TINIC (the ship that we commissioned in the Sanctuary). Look for more exciting opportunities from our Church School program under Jenny's leadership. Please make Jenny feel welcome and encouraged as she officially begins in this important role in our congregation.

**The Good Food, Good Book, and Good Nite** (evening dinner book club) continues. Join us for a **great dinner** and excellent conversation. Call your babysitter, board the dog, feed the fish because on **Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** you're 'booked'.



**R.S.V.P. the Church Office (519.822.4772) by October 22<sup>nd</sup>** to 'book' your spot around the table. There is no cost to attend. We will be discussing Yasmina Khadra's "The Attack", and as is tradition with the FBB, reading the book is not a requirement. Hope to see you there. For more information, please contact Rev. John or the Church Office

## KOINONIA CLUB

The Session of St. Andrew's agreed in June 2007 to discontinue Koinonia Club, which has a history of over 30 years. Other events are planned or are being planned for some Saturdays. You are encouraged to support these opportunities. We have thoroughly enjoyed convening the Saturday night potluck suppers and thank all those who faithfully supported the evenings of food, fellowship and enlightenment from our guest speakers. Thank you for over 33 years of good food and fellowship.

We are seeking suggestions for how to disburse the remaining funds ... suggestions to date include the WELL project, CornShare, Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW).

To those of you have faithfully supported Koinonia, please contact us to voice your suggestion.

Anne and John Holman 519-822-0153



## PORCHLIGHT

Come give us a hand! We need volunteers from Guelph neighbourhoods to distribute free compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs to households across the city. Altogether we'll be giving out 30,000 bulbs! Door-to-door distribution is easy, and it's not a big time commitment (a few hours max). The whole family can help. For more information, visit [www.onechange.org](http://www.onechange.org) or call Project Porchlight at 1-866-585-6359.

*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.*

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

The Church School children have been working hard on our "Trail Mural" the purpose of which is to show the children how to walk the path of God. Along the way they will encounter many obstacles on their journey. I would like to encourage the congregation to participate along with us. Do you have a favourite bible passage, a favourite quote, a role model that could be added to our project? Please feel free to put it on our mural. We will be looking forward to what has been added and to the discussion it provides.

Any Questions? Please contact Jenny Emerson 519-836-9102



## CHALMERS DINNER

The Outreach Committee, with the help of others, will be serving the Saturday Night Dinner on Saturday, November 10th. The menu consists of Shepherd's Pie, Coleslaw, Frozen Peas and Fruit Crisp.

We would truly appreciate your help with donations of the food items on the menu, money or your physical presence. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Centre or speak to a member of the Outreach Committee (Rick McDonald (Chair), Margaret Blatherwick, Pauline Sanderson, Trudy Smit, Jim Rife and Paul Spencer) if there is something that you can contribute.

## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS

"Glad Tidings" is a national magazine published six times a year by the Women's Missionary Society. Subscription rates are \$13 per year and can be ordered from Mary Fountain 519-822-6508.

"These Days" Magazine subscriptions are available from the Church Office (519-822-4772) at a rate of approximately \$10 per year.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. GOODCORP 519-658-3885

## FAMILY FUN FILM NIGHT

**7:30 pm, Saturday, Oct. 20**

Hear silent movies the way that were  
Supposed to be heard – with live  
Organ accompaniment.

At 7:30 pm on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> the classic comedy of Laurel and Hardy will come to St. Andrew's Sanctuary, accompanied on the organ by renowned concert organist, Ian Sadler. This will be an evening of entertainment for all ages, sure to delight everyone from 2 to 102. Proceeds from the evening will go to "The Well" project. So, whether you like classic comedy, the fantastic St. Andrew's organ, or supporting a good cause, here is an opportunity for you to experience all three in an evening of great entertainment that the whole family can enjoy, Tickets are \$15 adult, \$12 student, \$15 child (6-12) (children under 6 free) and \$35 family.

## MORNING'S LIGHT FADES!

*After eleven years this popular program has, sadly, come to an end. While the attendance has been favourable, the difficulty of getting new leadership to administer the event has proved to be insurmountable and, regrettably, Morning's Light has now ended. The women who have been involved in this program would like to thank those who attended as well as the many helpers and speakers. The church would like to thank the many volunteers who planned this event on our behalf. **You did a fantastic job and made St. Andrew's look Good!***

## MISSION CAPSULES:

Our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing ... help support the University of Guelph's Ecumenical Campus Ministry, led by a dynamic multi-faith team that includes Christian Reformed, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Roman Catholic Faith traditions.

## 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.  
OCTOBER 20, 2007**

*Enjoy a delicious breakfast (\$7.00) catered by Zena, followed by a short program. Our guest speakers will be Wayne Campbell, British Military Police Service. 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.*

## 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.



Help is needed to lock-up the church after the Worship Service on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in this easy opportunity, please contact Mari Millar at 519.824.9488 or e-mail at [imillar@semtex.net](mailto:imillar@semtex.net) Your help would be greatly appreciated. Mari Millar.