



Adieu to the Summer that never was... for some!

It wasn't a hot summer... but it certainly was wet. I hope you were still able to enjoy the lack of snow and freezing temperatures though. I'm really looking forward to seeing many of you return to our community as we start a new season of ministry at St. Andrew's. As I look ahead, I'm excited by the various initiatives, events, and opportunities for fun, community building, and spiritual growth are before us. There will be the return of many familiar programs like Breakfast @ St. Andrew's, and the Book Clubs. But look to the Inspire and the bulletin to see what's coming up that might interest you and those you know.

With the increase in our Youth Director's hours, Matt Foxall is already moving forward with an increase in programs for our youth and young families. I am confident that the youth will have another great year under Matt and his team's capable and caring leadership. Also, Dr. Bob has been working hard on encouraging our community to gather in small groups for opportunities for fellowship, fun and faith formation. We look forward to this initiative bearing fruit over the coming years. In worship, we will have many opportunities for inspiration and celebration. We have a new student joining us from Knox College this year and this is a different arrangement than in previous student ministers we have had. The last two students were in their final years at Knox and we hired them to work for us to our mutual benefit. Barb Molengraaf will be joining us as our Theological Field Education Student. We don't pay Barb to work for us in this case but her time with us is a part of her studies toward completing her Master of Divinity at Knox. A fuller bio of Barb follows in this edition of the Inspire. Look forward to seeing you around and for some returning to our place to call home.

John.

Opportunities

It's all coming together!!!



Over the summer, volunteers have been out to the Johnston Street site and now My Neighbour's House is taking shape. Unfortunately, there were several delays with the start of construction which

means that the house will not likely be complete until around December. Habitat is still interested in volunteers (call Habitat directly at 519.767.9752) and we would still appreciate your donations (third line of your offering envelope noting My Neighbour's House). I was out on the site recently and had an opportunity to meet the two families who will be moving into the houses. They really appreciate the commitment of the church communities that have made this fresh start possible for them. So thank you. And special note of thanks to the Brays for suggesting that guests of their 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration make donations to Habitat.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Thurs. Nov. 5th @ 6:30PM

Whirlpool Canada Presents in partnership with Delta Hotel, Guelph and local faith communities... **'Building a Dream' Celebration Dinner and Auction in support of Habitat for Humanity Wellington County.** More information and tickets will be available in the coming weeks. Members of St. Andrew's are a part of the Planning Committee for this special event.



News and Events

Welcome to Barbara Molengraaf, our new student

My name is Barb Molengraaf and I'm your new student minister. "Student" sounds young but many of us are students for life! I am following a call that started in university years but was put on hold to raise a family. The family, 2 girls, Krista and Stacey are raised and both at the University of Guelph. My husband of 30 years is in his 27th year of ministry at Duff's Presbyterian Church in Aberfoyle. Our dog Jake is our door greeter and fits the family profile of energetic and somewhat "loud". We all love each other, annoy each other and laugh lots!

I graduated from Ewart College as a diaconal minister and worked full-time at Hopedale Presbyterian Church in Oakville. When Marty graduated from Knox College we were placed in Calgary to start a satellite church. I was a funeral director until Krista was born. I then worked on my A.R.T.C. in piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music and taught piano for ages 3 to adult for the next 20 years. Following this I worked on my CFP and became a financial planner for the next 8 years. This fall I have enrolled in Knox College to complete my M.Div. and become a minister of Word and Sacrament.

Our fellow students put on a skit when we graduated from Ewart College that showed Marty and I had started a team ministry on a beach in California. We both love the church. My call is to build bridges to everyone I meet. I see "faith" as a verb that grows, questions and looks for signs of God's presence here in this world. I love children, music, sunshine, swimming, and holidays. We have a cottage (thanks to my parents) which tops our bucket list. I look forward to working with my mentor John and to meeting the family of St. Andrews.

Barbara Molengraaf

Friendship Luncheon

A Friendship Luncheon was held on April 26th and since it was such a great success the Welcome Committee is planning another luncheon after the church service on **September 27th**. The purpose of the luncheon is to get to know one another, so be prepared to mingle.

For those not going to the hockey game (see the Youth News) we are asking for a donation of \$5 per person or \$10 for a family.

The Welcome Committee

Turkey 2010

The proposed trip to Turkey/Rome for April 2010 has been modified to a **Turkey only** itinerary, with a substantial price reduction. The departure date is the same - April 12 with a return date now of April 23. Please call Nicki Groenewegen for details of this revised trip.



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.



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.



Join us as we unveil the **Grand Re-Opening**
of our Sunday School and Youth rooms.

Over the past two years
these rooms have been gutted
and renovated to better
attract young families
from within our congregation
and the community.

So to celebrate we are having a
FREE Community BBQ and Open House
Sunday, September 20th

For those that attend worship from outside of our
congregation that morning, they will have a **chance to win**
one of many Guelph Storm Prize Packs,
which were donated by the Guelph Storm Hockey Club
and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Following the service we will have a BBQ on the lawn
draw for prizes, and a ribbon cutting to officially open our new
rooms. Fun will be had by all so come out on for a great time.

Donations of non-perishable food items for the Guelph Food
Bank will be gratefully received at the event.

For more information please contact the Church Office at
(519) 822.4772 or speak with Marnie Kerr, CE Committee
Chair, Matt Foxall, Director of Youth Ministry or Jenny
Emerson, Church School Team Leader.

This event is proudly co-sponsored by:

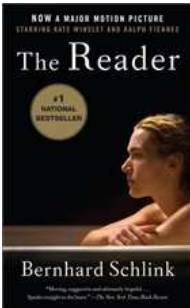


Committees and Groups

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



THE READER by Bernhard Schlink

On **Friday September 18th**, 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:

October 23rd – **Nineteen Minutes** by Jodi Picoult
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 **September 19th**, we will have **Leslie Bothwell** speak to us about **An Inconvenient Truth**.

Her Bio: Leslie Bothwell is a driven and active leader in both school oriented and community based groups. She was trained in 2008 by Al Gore to give the An Inconvenient Truth presentation to local groups in the community; for high school groups, church groups and at an environmental youth conference. She volunteers at the River Run centre; at a summer art camp and also volunteered with the organization 'Me to We' to help build a community dining hall in Ecuador in August 2009. She is an executive of Centennials Global Outreach; an active environmental and social justice club. She is a member of the MBA (masters of business) program of Centennial; a group of leaders in their graduating year of High School who are active in community fundraising, mentoring younger grade nines and organize the DECA program as executives Centennials club. She spent a semester in the Community Environmental Leadership Program, a program which emphasizes local community involvement and environmental activism. She took up a leadership role in organizing the student body of Centennial to introduce the new recycling program in the school year of 2009. She recently received recognition as one of the Mercury's, 'Top 40 under 40', for her environmental initiatives.

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.

Youth Ministry heading for new heights in 2009-2010

We're gearing up for another great year in Youth Ministry at St. Andrew's!! Here is a quick look at what you can expect in the fall:

- Transformation Fridays (Youth Group) starts back up on Friday, September 11th
- Youth Class and Passport to Faith Classes resumes Sunday, September 13th
- C.E. Open House and Community BBQ – Sunday, September 20th
- Pie and Bake Sales will resume for 3 weeks in September (13, 20 & 27)
- Annual Crieff Hills Youth Retreat – October 2 – 4

Check out some of the new programs we've added to Youth Ministry this year:

- "Partnering with Parents" Gatherings: No one said parenting teens is easy. It is even more difficult when the world we live in is constantly changing and the thought of bringing spirituality and religion into the forefront is almost seemingly impossible. As part of our ongoing commitment to you, the parents, we are going to be starting a new "Partnering with Parents" gathering that will meet once every 4 to 6 weeks. These gatherings will be our opportunity as parents and youth leaders to come together to question, discuss, wrestle

with and rejoice over the joys and challenges of raising and mentoring young people. Let's do this, together. Your children are worth it. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7pm in the Youth Room. Please RSVP your attendance. Refreshments will be provided

- Youth Drop In: Once or twice a month, immediately after school, the church will be open for youth to simply drop by with their friends to hang out, play video games or sports or simply relax. Bring along a couple of bucks and we'll even order pizza to munch on. Dates for the Drop In will be prearranged, and will run from the end of school till 6pm.
- Teen Tutoring Program: Having a difficult time in school? Can't seem to grasp that one subject? Then let us help. We have a team of dedicated volunteers that are standing by to assist you with any challenging school topic. How do you get help? It's simple: let a member of the Youth Leadership Team know what subject you need assistance with and we'll hook you up with a member of the congregation that has the gifts and strengths that you can succeed! Best part: it's FREE! Tutors are available to assist students starting in Grade 6 straight up to, and including, University.
- Surveys: Starting in the fall check out our website as we will be posting online surveys about our youth programming. Let us know how you think we're doing and how this ministry can improve in the future!
- Website: Put it on your favourites – because we'll be updating our site every week! Go there to download newsletters, permission forms, and flyers and find out what's new at St. Andrew's.

www.standrewsguelph.com/sta_youth.html

Matt Foxall, Director of Youth Ministry

When You Come To Church...

Be thoughtful

Be Silent

Be Reverent

For it is the House of God

Before the service – Speak to the Lord

During the service – Let the Lord speak to you

After the service – Speak to one another

Submitted by Mary Fountain

"To the messenger of the church of St. Andrew

write – These are the words of the Son of Glory who encompasses you with the multicoloured light of His living presence: I know your faithful service as you have followed empowering leaders into tasks of caring for the physical needs of others, and you are developing an effective structure that carries out the tasks of the church.

But I have a few things against you, that you have abandoned the fire of the Spirit that infused your youth, and that you have neglected the close personal fellowship with Me and with each other. You have failed to all gather together around My Word and in personal prayer for each other and the wider community. You have slipped from acknowledging Me in your daily life.

Be vibrant in our faith, service and daily living.

Let anyone who has an ear to listen, hear what the Spirit is saying to the church: To all who conquer I will give the overflowing love that comes from My abiding presence with My heavenly Father through the Spirit.

*What is Christ saying to you about our church fellowship today?
God has plans for an effervescent Christian community in this place,
what is keeping us from reaching the fullness of this divine desire?
What is God calling you to do in order to reach toward the challenge
that God places before us?"*

Dr. Bob

Praying Together in Small Groups

Most people would like an intimate relationship with God. How can we best develop that? We should apply what we know about human friendships to our friendship with God. For example, we like to be alone with friends. It doesn't matter what we are doing or whether we are doing anything at all...just to be in each other's presence is rewarding. Labour can be most satisfying when friends help each other. A task may be important, but when we do it with a friend it brings greater satisfaction. We can discuss issues with anyone, but when we share with a friend issues are not all we share...we share our feelings, our hopes, our desires, our failings, our dreams. With friends we do not mind wasting time. When we are with a friend nothing important needs to be accomplished. There are times when friendships result in mountaintop experiences and times when they sink into valleys of despair, but most of the time life with friends is lived in the plains. Friends are perfectly willing to live in the plains. Our relationship with God needs to have characteristics similar to human friendship. Common prayer can first of all help us develop a relationship of friendship with God.

For many people, praying is talking. We complain that God's presence is not very real and that we rarely hear God say anything. Of course, we wouldn't have a sharing, revealing relationship with other human being if we treated them the way we treat God. Indeed, we wouldn't ever hear a friend say anything if we were never quiet enough to listen. Consider coming to church services: from the minute they arrive to the moment they leave, they talk, first to each other and then, when the service begins...to God. There is rarely a break in the conversation. Silence is very unsettling. Learn how to bear and use silence creatively, how to listen, and how to open ourselves to God's revelation of God's self.

Typically we hear people say, "We can pray by ourselves. We don't need others to pray. It is more convenient to pray alone". Perhaps we have had such thoughts ourselves.

Individualism is a part of our life. We have been taught to go it alone. Yet, we long for community. Every church wants to be a friendly, caring community. We try to convince ourselves that we can pray best alone and at the same time we strive to find a means for creating community. We try to convince ourselves that we can pray best alone and at the same time we strive to find a means for creating community. We act as if we can be human alone, even as we long for meaningful relationships. Help us learn that community is a gift given to those who pray together, who share life with God together, who share the longings of their hearts and the distortions of their lives with others in silence and in cries for help.

Dr. Bob

Norfolk Street Reconstruction



The City of Guelph has received more than \$44 million in infrastructure money as a joint grant from the Federal and Provincial governments. The funding was announced this past June, and it must be spent completely no later than March 2011. As a result, there

are 17 building and reconstruction projects in the city either in process or planned to begin soon.

The project of most immediate interest to St. Andrew's is the reconstruction of Norfolk Street from Quebec Street, north to the Five Points intersection. Construction is scheduled to begin immediately after Labour Day. It will proceed in three phases and total completion will not be until the summer of 2010.

Representatives of Session and the Board of Managers attended a recent City information session on this subject. There was an opportunity to discuss details with City representatives, and a further list of questions submitted in writing is awaiting responses.

The City has plans in place to attempt to reduce the inconvenience which will result from this project as much as possible; however the stretch of Norfolk St. immediately in front of the church will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each

direction for most of the next year. ***In particular, it is likely that the steps and ramp access from Norfolk St to the sidewalk immediately in front of the church will be torn out and will not be replaced until the completion of the project, if at all. Furthermore, there will be no parking anywhere on Norfolk St. until the project is completed.***

As far as we know now, it 'will' be possible to drive and park on Suffolk St., and to let passengers off at the corner of Suffolk and Norfolk. The Norfolk St. sidewalk will be accessible most of the time, but there will be brief periods when access may be temporary and challenging. When that happens, members of the congregation who are accustomed to entering through one of the two doors facing onto Norfolk St., may be required to use the side door from Suffolk St. for one or two occasional Sundays.

We will continue to share information with you as it comes to us, but in the mean time, ***if you feel that any of these arrangements will make it absolutely impossible for you to enter the church, please let us know so that we can find a way to accommodate your difficulties. In addition, if you have not normally parked in the Church parking lot off Yarmouth St., but you expect to begin to do so as the result of the inaccessibility of parking on Norfolk St., could you please let us know that as well?***

Thank you,

Virginia Gillham, Chair of Board of Managers

Mission and Outreach Coordinating Committee Update

You didn't know that St. Andrew's had a Mission and Outreach Coordinating Committee?

Background: Late last year, it was decided to abandon the "old" structure of a separate Missions Committee and Outreach Committee and this took effect on January 1, 2009. On January 17, there was a "Mission and Outreach Forum" to look at how St. Andrew's should address these important

Ministries in the future. The result is the Mission and Outreach Coordinating Committee (MOCC). Recognizing that many members of the St. Andrew's family are actively engaged in mission and outreach activities, the vision was to organize ourselves to encourage and enable the people of St. Andrew's to stay and/or get involved.

Current: The MOCC members are: Knolly Toolsie, Kathleen McGillivray, Rev. John and Rick McDonald. We exchanged a lot of e-mails and met twice in the spring to develop the following terms of reference and a Mission and Outreach Policy. (Both the terms of reference and the policy are available on the website. Copies can also be had from any of the members or from the office.) We also decided on the Mission and Outreach Focus for 2009-10. All of these documents have (of course) been approved by the Session and we thank Rev. John for his guidance and leadership through the transition period.

If you are interested in joining the MOCC, please see any of the current members. If you have an idea for a project or activity, we would like to hear that too.

Rick McDonald, Chair

St. Andrew's Mission and Outreach Coordinating Committee Terms of Reference

Purpose

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NRSV)

The Mission and Outreach Coordinating Committee's mandate is to respond to the cries of God's people by engaging our congregation in coming alongside those who are actively addressing God's call to compassion and service. This mandate is accomplished through educating our members/adherents about local, national and international outreach and mission, challenging them to respond to opportunities to participate in outreach and mission activities through financial support and/or the giving of their time and talent. The Committee will actively pursue partnership in new mission

projects and continue to provide support for current mission projects according to the strategic directions/foci of the Session. Wherever possible, the Committee will work in concert with other committees and groups in an effort to maximize our call to compassion and service.

Membership

Committee membership will be for a three (3) year term running from September 1st to August 31st. Members of the committee may serve more than one term. The Committee must have at least one member representing the Session and the Women's Missionary Society.

Objectives

The Mission and Outreach Coordinating Committee will:

- Working with members of the congregation to identify the opportunities for Mission and Outreach and encourage active participation in these projects (see current list of Existing Partnerships)
- Raise awareness of Outreach/Mission initiatives in our local community, nationally and internationally and in particular in relation to The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Presbyterians Sharing..., and Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D).
- To identify and/or coordinate individuals and/or groups to coordinate and oversee ongoing initiatives that the congregation is associated with (ex. Food Bank, Saturday Night Suppers, Evangel Hall, etc).
- Work in partnership with the Women's Missionary Society and their special projects.
- Develop and suggest future themes of mission and outreach for congregational support and focus to the Session for their approval. It is hoped that this will help deepen the congregation's understanding and strengthen their concerted enthusiasm for a specific theme over a predetermined period of time.
- Using the Mission @ St. Andrew's Policy (2009), evaluate requests for Mission and Outreach support and make recommendations to the Session for their approval.
- Recommend to the congregation, through the Session, our Presbyterians Sharing allocation for the year.

Make recommendations to Session on how monies from the Vision and Opportunity Fund - Mission portion might be spent.

- Order and/or distribute Prayer Partnerships, Mission Capsules, bulletin inserts from PWS&D, Presbyterians Sharing, Justice Ministries, etc. to the congregation.

Existing Partnerships

Local Community

CORE – Downtown Churches Outreach Program
 Saturday Night Suppers
 Food Banks
 Zehr's Tapes
 AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington
 Habitat for Humanity Wellington County
 Breast Cancer Recovery Group
 Michael House
 Food Hamper Program
 Chalmers Community Services Centre

National Community

Evangel Hall
 Presbyterians Sharing
 Women's Missionary Society
 Presbyterian World Service & Development
 (PWS&D)

International Community

Presbyterians Sharing
 Presbyterian World Service and Development
 Women's Missionary Society

Our Mission Focus for 2009-2010

Working with the theme of Sabbath, the Session has decided to encourage the congregation to support three mission and outreach opportunities that fit with the three part theme of Sabbath:

Prayer (answer to) – The Presbytery of Waterloo Wellington is organizing a **run/walk/bike a thon** in support of the work of PWS&D in Afghanistan on **October 18th, 2009**. It will be similar to the event that was held several years ago in support of the AIDS campaign. The project in Afghanistan is supporting a school for primary school age girls. An answer to prayer for that region of our world. Remember, **GO SKUNK!**



Rest – The Women’s Missionary Society is raising funds to build a youth hostel in Jobat for the students of Jobat Christian School. We’d like to see the members of St. Andrew’s get behind this project and partner with our own WMS group to purchase as many bricks as possible to see the hostel built. The youth of Jobat need a safe and clean place to rest from their studies.

Play – Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win/The North-South Partnership for Children is a developing partnership that represents the coming together of First Nation Chiefs, Elders, youth and community members living in remote communities in northwestern Ontario and caring individuals and voluntary organizations based in southern Ontario. The Partnership was formed in 2006 to improve the quality of life of children and youth in remote First Nations communities, by building a larger circle of caring for the children and their families. One of local Presbyterian congregations, Duff’s Presbyterian is in relationship with the Partnership. At a Breakfast @ St. Andrew’s presentation this spring, members of Duff’s told of their experience with the Partnership and how one could be a part of this relationship. We would like to partner with Duff’s in providing financial resources and willing volunteers who would be willing to be a part of a trip/project to supply one of the communities with six (6) freighter style canoes along with lifejackets, paddles and fishing nets. These canoes will be used as a part of a fun and engaging youth program to teach traditional skills. The children of the North need a place to play and learn. Future issues of the Inspire will highlight each of these foci.

Next Month: Prayer (answer to).



HELP US BY SAVING YOUR:

Used Postage Stamps – for Leprosy Relief
Campbell's Soup Labels – for Education Programs
Zehrs Cash Register Tapes – to convert to cash
Aluminum Cans – to Habitat for Humanity

***All of the above can be placed in the appropriate slots
in the container at the Welcome Centre and 'rinsed out'
Aluminum Cans placed in the appropriate holder in the
Church Hall***



**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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Sunday Services

10:30 a.m.