

WHAT'S HAPPENING in March

Monday, March 9

7:30pm Breast Cancer Support Group

Tuesday, March 10

12:30pm Session Agenda Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

9:30am Breakaway

2:00pm A.K.D.

Thursday, March 12

7:00pm Choir

7:15pm Board of Managers Meeting

Friday, March 13

5:30pm Friday Night Aphesis

6:30pm Youth Group Lock-In

Sunday, March 15

10:30am **Worship Service**

PLEASE NOTE:

Chalmers Community Services Centre

Chalmers Community Services Centre will be holding a fundraising sale at Harcourt Memorial United Church, 87 Dean Ave., on Saturday, March 14 from 9am until 1pm. Quality household items, books, collectibles, and small furniture will be available. Money raised will support our two local pantries, Chalmers Downtown and Chalmers West.

Saturday Night Supper

St. Andrew's/Kortright is hosting the Sat. Night Supper (SNS) on Sat April 4. We are asking the congregation for donations of food and volunteers, as well financial donations are always welcome. The items we need donated are Beef Stew with Potatoes, Coleslaw and Fruit Crisp. The other items will be purchased by the Coordinator from St. Andrew's, e.g., frozen peas, cheese, juice, milk, etc., etc. Please sign up at the welcome centre for this important event. We are expecting to host at least 110. Please speak to Margaret Blatherwick, 519-824-2928 if you have any questions. Thank you for your help.

Royal City Ambassadors

The Spring concert by the ROYAL CITY AMBASSADORS entitled: "Experiencing Technical Difficulties" will overflow with laughter and harmony. Takes place March 27 and 28, 2009 at 7.30 p.m. River Run Centre Guest quartet of comedy and song "Cornerstone" from New York High School guests are "Centennial Concert Choir".

Tickets are \$23. and are available from Rick McDonald and Dr. Bob Spencer, both members of the chorus. Eyego tickets are also available for high school students from the River Run box office 519-763-3000

Men's Dinner Tickets Now on Sale!

Enjoy a delicious chili dinner prepared and served by the men of the congregation – for the Whole Family!

The dinner is Saturday March 28 at 6:00 p.m. with all proceeds in support of the

My Neighbour's House Multi-Faith Habitat Build

Tickets on sale in the Church Hall after Worship TODAY and each Sunday to March 22, or by calling the Church Office.

Adults \$12.00 / Children \$7.00 / Families \$30.00

Food Donations:

The Chalmers Food Shelf and the Guelph Food Bank are in need of food donations. Please see items urgently needed which are listed on the food cart in the hall.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem,
from then to now,

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS

One: To heal the sick,
to mend the broken-hearted,
to comfort the disturbed,
to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse the temple,
to liberate faith from convention,

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS

One: To carry the cross,
to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world
and take it away,

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS

One: Today,
to this place,
to us,

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS

TODAY - March 8, 2009

Coffee Hour~ Congregational Care Team

Greeters~ John Holman, Doug Rickers, Harold Faulkner, Bob Gillham

Ushers ~ Ross Rowat, Mary Fountain

Nursery ~ Darlene Lepage, Jennifer Marett

Lock-Up~ Jay Marett

Sound System ~ John Kerr

Scripture Reader ~ John Oskam

March 15, 2009

Just a Reminder!

Coffee Hour~ Youth Group.

Greeters~ John Holman, Doug Rickers, Joe Di Ilio, Barb Di Ilio

Ushers ~ Hendrick Malik, Nancy Malik

Nursery ~ Christine Orme, Dianne Morrison

Lock-Up ~ Anne Pennock

Sound System ~ Colin McGuffin

Scripture Reader ~ John Groenewegen

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Fred Gingrich, Director of Music

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ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday March 8, 2009

The ushers can assist you in locating **Large Print Hymn Books, Hearing Devices and Pew Cushions.**

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service can be heard in **our nursery**, where you and your child are welcome. See an usher for directions.

Church School starts at 10:30AM. Church school for children and youth takes place at the same time as the morning service. The children and youth meet in their class rooms at 10:30am.

We invite you to stop by our fellowship time in the Church Hall after worship for refreshment, conversation, and information about our congregation.

WHAT IS THE SESSION?

The Session is a court of the church made up of elders responsible for the supervision and oversight of all associations of members and adherents connected with the congregation. All who are members are subject to the authority and discipline of the Session.

Elders serving on Session make a commitment to:

- participate in the life and work of the congregation through its worship and activities
- attend Session meetings regularly
- actively participate in the work of at least one committee of the Session throughout their term
- step in and provide leadership where needed at any given time

WHO SHOULD I NOMINATE TO BE AN ELDER?

In considering these gifts, it is understood that we are on a journey together and as such are growing in our giftedness. Perfection is never a prerequisite. An elder is a person who:

- is free to meet regularly.
- is able to see the 'big picture' of life in the church. This person can answer, 'What is best for the whole congregation?'
- is good at discerning the character of other people, who understands systems and how they work, who has a good knowledge of leadership styles and when they are needed for specific tasks.
- is grounded in and respectful of the Reformed faith, tradition and government, even though they may not have grown up in that tradition.

Session Election 2009

The Session has formed a Nominating Team to oversee our Session Election. Team members are Paul Pennock, Nancy Nicol, Ross Rowat, Wilma Smart, Janet Dalgleish and our minister. This Team is responsible for discerning who in our congregation might be approached to consider the calling to eldership and service on the Session. To assist them in their work, we have asked that members of the congregation submit their own nominations in writing to the Church Office. One can make as many nominations as they like and self-nominations will be accepted. Nominations must include two signatures and indicate the consent of the person being nominated. Nominations open on **March 1st** and close on **March 22nd**. The following is an example of a written nomination:



The Nominating Team will consider all the names that have been presented, conduct interviews with potential candidates, and finalize a slate for the congregation to elect as Session members of St. Andrew's for a six year term.

PLEASE NOTE: All names submitted will be considered but all may not appear on the ballot.

REMINDER: The congregation is called to meet on Sunday May 24th following the service of worship to elect new elders to serve on the Session for a term of six (6) years.

Please keep the Nominating Team and the congregation in your prayers as we discern God's will together.

CONSIDERING ELDERSHIP @ ST. ANDREW'S Information Booths at Coffee Hour

If you are interested in talking more about becoming an elder of St. Andrew's or would like more information, drop by the Session Election 2009 Table in the Church Hall after worship on March 8th, 15th, & 22nd. A member of the nominating team will be there to talk more with you and offer you some further information to help with your discernment.