

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**OUR CELEBRATION OF EASTER:** Please invite friends and family to join us during the Easter season, as we remember Jesus' death and celebrate His resurrection, through the following services:

- **PALM SUNDAY** — Sunday, April 13th, 10:00am
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY** — Thursday, April 17th, 7:30pm
- **GOOD FRIDAY** — Friday, April 18th, 10:00am (Communion)
- **SONRISE SERVICE** (Whitby Harbour) — Sunday, April 20th, 6:45am, *followed by a continental breakfast at the church*
- **EASTER SUNDAY** — Sunday, April 20th, 10:00am

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Helen S., who will be 94 years young tomorrow, April 7th! We wish Helen a most wonderful birthday!

**SUMMER STUDENT POSITION:** We are now accepting resumes for one summer student position. This position runs from the beginning of July through to the end of August, and it entails teaching and preparing curriculum for the summer Sunday School program, some office duties and assisting with the Community Outreach program. Interested applicants should email their resume to the church office, by May 9th, at [standrewswhitby@bellnet.ca](mailto:standrewswhitby@bellnet.ca).

**“GOD’S ABIDING LOVE,”** a booklet of Daily Lenten Meditations and Prayers, written by Henri J.M. Nouwen, is now available on the table in the Narthex. Nouwen has a way of explaining God’s abiding love for us that comes alive in every word, every sentence and every reflection. His search for truth becomes our search for truth. His search for God becomes our search for God. This booklet is a journey that holds out the promise of a deeply spiritual encounter with God.

The **WHITBY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION** is conducting a series of mid-day Wednesday worship services that focus on Lenten themes, which will be experienced as accessible and comfortable by inter-denominational worshippers, as well as those without a church background. The services will commence at 11:30am, followed by a luncheon in the church hall. The service schedule is as follows:

- April 9th, Eileen Wolfe, Amica Chaplain
- \*\*ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH, Dundas St., Whitby\*\***  
**\*\*A soup/sandwich/beverage/dessert lunch will be available at a cost of \$5.00.\*\***

This Easter, if you are interested in purchasing an **EASTER LILY or HYDRANGEA** to decorate the church, please complete the order form in last week’s bulletin, or contact the church office at (905) 668-4022. Easter lilies are \$10.00/ea and hydrangeas are \$15.00/ea. Please ensure that you make note if the lily/hydrangea is being purchased in memory of a loved one, and also ensure that your order is submitted to the church office, with payment, by Sunday, April 6th, at the latest!

The next **BOARD of MANAGERS MEETING** will be held on Monday, April 7th, at 7:30pm.

**THE LADIES AFTERNOON GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, April 8th, at 2:00pm, in the Parlour. If interested in attending, or for more information, please speak with Regna S. Once again, Pastor Jonathan will be leading the group!

**LADIES ARE INVITED** to join the **MEN'S BREAKFAST** Club on **Saturday, April 12th, at 8:30am**. If interested in attending, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Steve P. and Al C. will be doing a presentation on their trip to Ephesus last summer.

**A MESSAGE TO ALL USHERS:** A heartfelt thank you to all ushers who have helped out over the past number of months. Please check your email messages for the new usher schedule, which covers the spring, summer and early fall. If you do not have email, please check your family folder. We are always welcoming new ushers. If you are interested in greeting people, handing out bulletins and taking up the offering a few times a year (the schedule is flexible), or if you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Chuck or Carole L.

**SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** The Refuge, in Oshawa, has two summer student positions available for a Front Line Community Worker and Special Events Coordinator. If interested in further details and more information, please email the church office at [standrewswhitby@bellnet.ca](mailto:standrewswhitby@bellnet.ca).

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SUPPORT PROGRAM (Mission Room):** Please take the time to look at the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary doors, above the donation bin. There you will find updated information about our most needed items, as well as a handy shopping list for the month. You will also find information re who is using our program and when we are hosting our next drop-in date. Thank you for your continued support of this ongoing program!

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

General Fund income to Mar 31/14:	\$65,656 (actual)	\$63,029 (budget)
Presbyterians Sharing income to Mar 31/14:	\$ 5,033 (actual)	\$ 4,290 (budget)

**Please continue to give generously!**

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7)*

**Financial Highlights to Mar 31/14 include...**

- offerings to Missions and Outreach have increased by 82.2% in 2014
- offerings to Presbyterians Sharing have increased by 30.2% in 2014
- regular freewill offerings have decreased by 8% in 2014