

It's **ANNUAL REPORT** time! Would all the heads of our various committees please ensure that your submission for the annual report is provided to the church office **no later than 10:00am, January 27th!**

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**2014 BAZAAR MEETING** will be held on Sunday, February 2nd, in the Parlour, following the service. Please feel welcome to participate in our preparatory meeting! Should you have any further questions, please speak with Sharon G.

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**MONTHLY PRAYER TIME at ST. ANDREW'S:** Beginning in February, the first Wednesday of each month, we will hold a prayer time in the Parlour from 1:00-2:00pm. All are invited to participate, in silence or by joining in prayer aloud. We will open with a scripture passage, talk about the life of the church and what is happening in the world, then bow our heads in prayer. Come one, come all! Our first prayer meeting will be held on Wed., February 5th!

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**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!

We are once again registered for the **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK**, in support of The Refuge in Oshawa. The walk will be held on February 22nd, 4:00-8:00pm, starting at Simcoe Street United Church in Oshawa. This winter walk-a-thon is a fundraiser that partners with mission and inner-city charities in dozens of towns and cities across Canada, in support of the hungry, homeless and hurting in our communities. St. Andrew's is building a team of people who appreciate the challenge of a good, chilly winter walk, and who might appreciate a warm bowl of chili afterward! If interested in participating, please call Julia W.

At the beginning of February, **EMILY F.** will once again be going on a **MISSION TRIP TO PERU**, and the congregation is encouraged to offer financial support. In this regard, please use your pew offering envelope or the third section of your regular envelope to designate your donation accordingly.

Anyone who might be interested some fun and fellowship by participating in a St. Andrew's **CURLING GET-TOGETHER**, please speak further with Kate T.

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Please join us at **WINTER WORSHIP 2014**, which is scheduled for Sunday, February 23rd, at 7:00pm. *(Further details to follow.)*

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**MONICA M.** will be going to **MATANZAS SEMINARY in CUBA** with the second year Knox students (Feb 13—Feb 22). The goal of this experience is to learn about ecumenical theology and the theology of mission within the PCC and the broader church. It is the practice of the visiting Canadian students to take supplies that are requested by the seminarians in Cuba. Please consider donating the following products: topical antibiotics (creams/eye drops), decongestants, Immodium, Benadryl, pain killers (Advil, Tylenol, Aspirin) and vitamins (B1, B6, B12, E, A, D, Calcium, multi-vitamins with iron for nursing mothers, children's multi-vitamins). Donations may be placed in the brown rattan mission box in the Narthex, no later than Feb. 9th! All meds should have an expiry date of May 2014 or later.

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***A MUTUAL THANK YOU:*** Thank you FROM Thelma J. to St. Andrew's session, Cathy R. and John C. for hosting her book reading last Sunday, and a big thank you TO Thelma for the inspirational and endearing approach to her reading. Her stories of the challenges and adventures in Ontario's north were captivating. Thelma has kindly donated a copy of her book, *"In the Land of the White Pine,"* to St. Andrew's library, and a copy has also been added to the non-fiction section of the Whitby Library.

Please be aware that ***REV. JONATHAN WILL BE ON STUDY LEAVE*** from Jan. 27th to Feb 2nd. Elder, Bob B., will lead worship in Jonathan's absence on Feb. 2nd.

**ATTENTION ALL READERS!!! January's theme is Personal Growth and Devotionals...**

*"Renew the thinking in your mind by the Spirit and clothe yourself with the new person created according to God's image in justice and true holiness."* — Ephesians 4: 23-24

***"I Saw the Lord"*** by Anne Graham Lotz: A wake-up call for your heart. If a fresh vision of God could transform Isaiah into the greatest of the Old Testament prophets, imagine what a difference it could make in your life if you truly saw the Lord?

***"Turn"*** by Max Lucado: Turn back to God...who daily sustains your very existence and is the sole source of your every blessing. God keep our land...who showers our country with grace, creating this nation for His name's sake. From your life to your land, His hand of mercy is upon you. It's time to turn and ask, "What can I do for God?"

**\*\*\*PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOOKS TO THE LABELLED BOX ON THE SMALL DESK IN THE PARLOUR\*\*\***

***LITURGICAL DANCE WORKSHOP:*** "Anointed Joy" Liturgical Dance Group invites you to join in for an afternoon of dance and refreshments! This event is available for those who are ages 10 and up, and will be held at the church on Sunday, March 30th, from 2:00-4:00pm. Come and learn how dance is used as praise — Messianic folk dance, flagging and movement to music. For more information, please call Sharon G., or contact the church, at (905) 668-4022, or through our website at [www.worship-with-us.org](http://www.worship-with-us.org).

**CATECHISM for TODAY:**

The following question(s) come from "A Catechism For Today" booklet published by "A committee on church doctrine, The Presbyterian Church in Canada" in 2005. Each week, for the 52 weeks of the year, there will be questions printed in the bulletin announcements, taken from the total number of 141 questions in the booklet. If you want to move along more quickly, complimentary copies of the booklet are available through the church office.

**QUESTION 10: DOES FAITH EXCLUDE ALL DOUBT?**

**ANSWER:** Faith is often assailed by doubts and anxieties. Like the man who came to Jesus and sought healing for his son, we also say, "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief." The strength of our faith may vary, but we are assured by Jesus that, if we have faith as a grain of mustard seed, it will grow and increase through communion with Him, on Whom faith depends from start to finish.

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:** Mt 28:17, Mk 9:24, Lk 17:5, Heb 12:3

## COMING EVENTS

Jan 26th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
<b>Jan 27th</b>	— <b>10:00am</b>	<b>submissions for Annual Report due!!!</b>
Jan 28th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Jan 29th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Jan 30th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Feb 2nd	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	2014 Bazaar Committee meeting, in the Parlour
Feb 4th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Feb 5th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 1:00pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting (NEW!), in the Parlour
Feb 6th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Feb 9th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service
	— following service	Annual Meeting, in the Hall
Feb 22nd	— 4:00pm	“Coldest Night of the Year” Walk, Simcoe United Church, Oshawa
Feb 23rd	— 7:00pm	Winter Worship 2014, in the Sanctuary ( <i>details to follow</i> )