

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** wishes go out to Marjorie C., who celebrated her 40th birthday (again!) on November 19th!

**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST**...We want to thank you all for the love, prayers and support during the time of my brother, Alex McDonald's, passing to be with the Lord. In the words of Marvin Williams in "Our Daily Bread" today, "*God's plan for us is like that. Our ability to stand tall in spite of the buffeting winds of life is directly related to the love and support we receive from God and one another.*" With sincere thanks, The Becker family.

The **SUNDAY SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED** by Michelle W., and she is looking forward to working with the other teachers! We are, however, still **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** to fill the positions of Nursery Co-Ordinator and Youth Ministry Co-Ordinator. Currently, Emily is filling all three positions until the conclusion of this year. If you are interested in either of the open positions, please contact your Elder or the church office accordingly!

For some time now, we have been made aware of the **CONFLICT AND PERSECUTION TAKING PLACE IN SYRIA**. We have seen the large numbers of Syrian families fleeing the country as refugees. The Presbytery of Pickering has initiated a Syrian Refugee Sponsorship program this fall. The goal is that the churches in the Presbytery will raise funds to sponsor a number of Syrian refugees as soon as possible. St. Andrew's has made a commitment of \$5000 to this sponsorship program. Additional info about this program is available — please see the info sheet on the Narthex table. **We need to send our committed dollars to the Presbytery by tomorrow.** Please prayerfully consider this need and, if you are in a position to assist, please consider doing so **today** by putting a donation in the offering. Mark the designation on your regular envelope, or put it in a separate envelope marked "Syrian Refugees." Please speak with Pastor Jonathan or your church Elder if you have any questions.

**MAKE YOUR OWN FAMILY ADVENT WREATH** on **Sunday, November 30th**! The wreath you create can be used throughout the season of Advent and is a wonderful family tradition. Cost per family is \$10 to cover all supplies. If interested in participating, please see the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table, and bring your \$10 on the day of the workshop. We will gather in the Hall following coffee hour, and you can begin to use the wreath that same night! Please sign up early so the appropriate amount of materials can be purchased. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please speak with Patricia B.!

As we head into the Advent season, we wish to welcome as many newcomers, friends and family as possible. Please see the **ADVENT POSTCARDS** on the Narthex table — feel free to take a bunch and pass them out!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** We will be decorating the church on **Saturday, November 29th, at 10:00am.** If anyone is interested in assisting, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex, or call Cathy R.

Once again, the Ladies Afternoon Group will **REMEMBER OUR "FRIENDS AT HOME"** by delivering Christmas goodies and plants, which will be ready for delivery on **Sunday, December 7th.** If you are able to assist by making some goodies or by delivering same, please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex (two separate sheets). Baked goods should be delivered to the church between **Friday, December 5th and 10:00am, Saturday, December 6th.** Our "Friends at Home" appreciate this gesture and we appreciate your assistance!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Community Outreach Drop-In Fridays throughout the fall, 12:30-2:30pm, as follows:

- Friday, December 5th
- Friday, December 19th
- Friday, January 9th (2015)

If you are interested in assisting, please speak further with Emily F.!

Please be aware that we will celebrate the **SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION** during our morning Worship Service, on Sunday, December 7th!

The **LADIES AFTERNOON GROUP** (and spouses!) will be having lunch at The Brock House on Tuesday, December 9th, at 12:00noon. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table if you plan on attending.

The **SOCIAL CLUB** invites you to a **POTLUCK DINNER & CAROL SING** on Saturday, December 13th. We will share dinner together in the Hall, followed by a carol sing in the Sanctuary! The Social Committee is working hard to plan activities you will all enjoy — come one, come all, young and old, to enjoy fun and fellowship with your church family!

**HOCKEY NIGHT in WHITBY!** Paul Semotiuk invites the men of St. Andrew's to join him in his unwavering support of the Toronto Maple Leafs! Hockey night will be held at Paul's home, 44 Winter Court, Whitby, as per the schedule outlined below:

- Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 7:30pm, vs the Ducks
- Tuesday, Feb. 10th, 7:30pm, vs the Rangers
- Tuesday, Mar. 3rd, 7:30pm, vs the Capitals

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SUPPORT PROGRAM (Mission Room):** The following list is of items that are most needed for our Community Outreach program: boxed cereal, deodorant (for men and women), liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, lunch box snacks (individually wrapped granola bars, cracker, cookies), crackers, soup  
Your donations are well used and much appreciated! Together, we are making a difference!

## **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 52: WHY DO WE SAY THAT SALVATION IS BY GOD'S GRACE ALONE?**

**ANSWER:** Just as He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him in love, He destined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will to the praise of His glorious grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:** Eph 1:4-6, 2:8-9; Rom 3:24; Deut 7:6-9, 32:10; Isa 49:14-18,  
Rom 5:15-21

## **COMING EVENTS!**

Nov. 23rd	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
Nov 25th	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
Nov 26th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study, in Pastor Jonathan's Study (upstairs)
Nov 27th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Nov 30th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 1st	— 7:30pm	Board of Managers meeting, in the Parlour
Dec 2nd	— 1:30pm	Craft Club meeting, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 3rd	— 10:00am	Wednesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 1:00pm	Prayer meeting, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study, in Pastor Jonathan's Study
Dec 4th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 7th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary