

ANNOUNCEMENTS – December 28th 2014

We are pleased to welcome our **GUEST PIANIST, MAKATO (MAKO) SATO**, today, as she shares her musical talent and enriches our worship service. Mako is living in Canada for one year as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange, Long Term Program, hosted by Whitby Sunrise Rotary Club, and she attends High School in Whitby. Mako is 17 years old, from Yokohama, Japan, where she lives with her parents and younger brother. Her interests are reading and studying, with aspirations to become a medical doctor. Mako is a gifted and accomplished pianist: She has been playing the piano since she was 3 years old, and her first piano teacher was her grandmother. Mako continues to practise piano for at least one hour a day, and she loves to share her music with others.

We thank **MONICA M.** for **LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE**, while Pastor Jonathan and his family enjoy some holiday time.

The following people have purchased **POINSETTIAS**, in memory of a loved one, to decorate our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. We are thankful that these loving memories help to beautify our worship space and celebrate the birth of Christ:

<i>Harriet A....</i>	<i>in memory of Harold A.</i>
<i>Valerie B. & family...</i>	<i>in memory of Dorothy & Earl Gray, Joseph B.</i>
<i>The Burnett family...</i>	<i>in memory of Rev. & Mrs. A.L. Sutherland</i>
<i>Heather C....</i>	<i>in memory of Hilda Lang & Doris Cameron Pidgeon</i>
<i>Lois M. ...</i>	<i>in memory of Karl MacIntosh & Mark Diotte</i>
<i>Jane & John M...</i>	<i>in memory of Maurice & Gladys M., Andy & Beth M.</i>
<i>David M....</i>	<i>in memory of Doris M.</i>
<i>Cliff & Jean M....</i>	<i>in memory of Henderson & Helen M., Mary & Jim Curtis</i>
<i>Shirley & Margaret M....</i>	<i>in memory of Robin & Frank M.</i>
<i>Cathy R....</i>	<i>in memory of Don R.</i>
<i>Esther S....</i>	<i>in memory of Betty Krunys</i>
<i>Lorna S....</i>	<i>in memory of Theodore & Florence James</i>
<i>Susan S....</i>	<i>in memory of Hazel S.</i>

(Those who purchased poinsettias may take them home following today's service.)

We are pleased to announce that **CHRISTINE S.** has agreed to accept the position of **ENVELOPE SECRETARY**. We thank Christine for offering to serve in this capacity, and we look forward to working with her. We thank Janet S. for her conscientious service to St. Andrew's over the years, and we wish her and her family all the best in the future.

"TELLING TIME in the CHURCH YEAR CYCLE" is a publication, located on the table in the Narthex, which provides historical backgrounds, meanings and reflections for the seasons in our church year. Please feel welcome to pick up a copy!

The **SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR 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 Coordinator and Youth Ministry Coordinator. Currently, Emily F. is filling all three positions until the conclusion of this year. If you are interested in either of these open positions, please contact your Elder or the church office accordingly.

Please be aware that the **CRAFT CLUB** will reconvene on **Tuesday, January 6th, at 1:30pm**, and will resume the making of milk bag mats. For further information, please speak with Harriet A.

Please be aware the **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will reconvene in the new year on Wednesday, January 7th, 10:00am, and **TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** will reconvene on Tuesday, January 13th, 7:00pm.

We wish to welcome our new church members at a **NEWCOMER'S LUNCHEON**, to be held in the church Hall on **Sunday, January 18th, 12:00noon**. Please confirm your attendance through Kate T.

HOCKEY NIGHT in WHITBY! Paul S. 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, as per the schedule outlined below:

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

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

- Friday, January 9th (2015)

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SUPPORT PROGRAM (Mission Room): The following list is of items that are most needed for our Community Outreach program:

- boxed cereal
- deodorant (men and women)
- liquid dish soap
- laundry detergent
- lunch box snacks (individually wrapped granola bars, crackers, 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 58: WHEN WAS THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN TO THE CHURCH?

ANSWER: The Holy Spirit was bestowed on the Church on the day of Pentecost. Luke speaks of a strong driving wind and tongues like flames of fire to describe the experience of receiving the Spirit (Acts 2: 2-3). The fainthearted disciples were given the courage and power to understand and proclaim the gospel of salvation.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Acts 2:1-4; Joel 2:28; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-42, 4:31, 13:9, 15:28, 19:6, 2:21-23, 28; Rom 8:26, 12:11; Eph 6:18-20

COMING EVENTS!

Dec 28th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Jan 4th, 2015!	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
Jan 6th	— 1:30pm	Craft Club meeting, in the Parlour
Jan 7th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Jan 8th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Jan 11th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Jan 13th	— 2:00pm	Ladies Afternoon Group, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
Jan 14th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Session meeting, in the Parlour
Jan 15th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Jan 18th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— 12:00 noon	Newcomers luncheon, in the Hall