

ANNOUNCEMENTS – December 7th, 2014

Today, we celebrate the **SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION** during our morning worship service.

Once again, the Ladies Afternoon Group are **REMEMBERING OUR “FRIENDS AT HOME”** by delivering Christmas goodies and plants, which will be ready for delivery **TODAY**. If you are able to assist by making a delivery, please speak with Regna Scott. Our “Friends at Home” appreciate this gesture and we appreciate your assistance!

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

Once again this year, we offer you the opportunity to **PURCHASE A POINSETTIA** in memory of a loved one, for display in the Sanctuary. These 6-inch, red poinsettias can be ordered through the church office at a cost of \$10.00 each — please see the bulletin insert, or pick up an order form from the Narthex table! Please submit your order to the church office no later than **Monday, December 15th!**

Just a **REMINDER** that the **TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** group will meet at the home of Mark & Darlene C. on Tuesday, **December 9th, at 7:30pm** — please bring your favourite snack to share! Also, we will meet again on **Tuesday, December 16th** to study “*What is so special about Christmas?*” This will be our **LAST MEETING** until the new year, when the group will resume on January 16th, 2015! Happy Christmas!

Please be aware that the **MEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will be breaking for the Christmas season and will resume on **Wednesday, January 14th, 2015**.

WANTED! PRAYER BUDDIES! We are looking for prayer support for our St. Andrew’s children and young people. We have created a Prayer Calendar to assist you in praying for one child and his or her family each day, throughout the month of December. Please pick up your prayer calendar from the Narthex table. Thank you for your support!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS are available for pick-up on the table in the Narthex. Hopefully, these daily readings will bring you closer to Christ this Christmas season.

DONATIONS for SYRIAN REFUGEES are still being accepted! Our church has committed to a \$5000 donation toward this cause. If you still wish to contribute, please designate your offering envelope accordingly, or submit your donation to the church office.

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.

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, starting at 5:30pm.** 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! Please see the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table if you plan on attending.

If you are able to **HELP THE MISSION COMMITTEE WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**, please see the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table. We will need people on the following dates:

- **Monday, December 15th, 1:00-5:00pm**
- **Tuesday, December 16th, 12:00-4:00pm**
- **Friday, December 19th, 11:00am-4:00pm (Christmas Hampers AND Food Bank)**

For further information, please call Sheila S. at (905) 668-3425.

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, Dec. 16th, 7:30pm, vs the Ducks**
- **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, December 19th**
- **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 (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 54: WHAT IS PREDESTINATION?

ANSWER: Though we know tht there are some who do not believe and who reject God, God's love continues to invite them to faith. God wills the salvation of all and excludes no one from the reach of His love.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: 1 Tim 2:3-4; Jn 3:17-18; Rom 11:32; Ezek 18:32; Jn 6:37, 39, 12:32; Rom 5:18; 1 Cor 15:22; 2 Cor 5:19; Eph 1:10; Titus 2:11; Heb 10:31; 2 Pet 3:9; 1Jn 2:9; Rev 20:14

COMING EVENTS

Dec 7th	— 10:00am — following service	Sunday morning Advent Service, Holy Communion Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 9th	— 12:00noon — 7:30pm — 7:30pm	Ladies Afternoon Group, Christmas lunch at Brock House Tuesday evening Bible Study party, at the Castle's home Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 10th	— 10:00am — 7:00pm	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour Session Meeting, in the Parlour
Dec 11th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 13th	— 5:30pm	Potluck Dinner & Carol Sing! (in the Hall /Sanctuary)
Dec 14th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Advent Service, in the Sanctuary
Dec 15th	— 12:00noon	Christmas Hamper program (sorting hampers)
Dec 16th	— 9:00am — 7:30pm — 7:30pm	Christmas Hamper program (recipients pick up) Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 17th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Dec 18th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 19th	— 12:00noon	Christmas Hamper program (recipients pick up)
Dec 21st	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Advent service, in the Sanctuary