

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, February 1st 2015

Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of **HOLY COMMUNION**. All are welcome at the Lord's table!
(Please see your bulletin insert.)

Please be aware that the St. Andrew's **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held next week, on February 8th, following the church service. **Hard copies of the report are available today**, on the tables set up in the Narthex. If you wish to assist by providing sandwiches or squares for the luncheon, please see the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table.

We wish to thank **LARA F.** for volunteering to lead our **YOUTH PROGRAM!** Our Youth Group, called "**IGNITE!**," is for those 12-16 years old. **IGNITE!** will meet today, following the service, for one hour. Lunch is being provided.

We are still looking to fill the position of **NURSERY COORDINATOR**. If interested in volunteering for this position, please contact your Elder or the church office accordingly.

Please be aware that the **CRAFT CLUB** will meet this week, on Tuesday, February 3rd, at 1:30pm, in the Parlour. This will be a continuation of the milk bag mat project.

It's hard to believe that 2014 is now over, and the year passed by far too quickly. Did you accomplish your goals for the 2015 fiscal year, or are you simply going with the flow? Well, you might benefit by coming out and attending Jennifer P's presentation on some of the concepts taught by Dave Ramsey in his **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY COURSE!** Jennifer will discuss the basics, such as:

- some of the financial mistakes we make
- taking control of your finances
- creating a budget
- saving and reducing your debt
- retirement savings
- stewardship

This presentation and discussion will take place this week, on Thursday, February 5th, 2015, from 7:00-9:00pm, in the church Parlour. If interested in attending, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

REVERSE OFFERING: Today, baskets with the reverse offering slips can be found at the back of the church by the Sanctuary doors. Everyone who would like to participate in the reverse offering is invited to take one or two (or more!) slips on their way out of the service this morning, and return the items to the mission box in the coming week(s). The items most needed in our Community Outreach Program at this time are: pasta Sauce (no pasta), \$10.00 grocery gift cards, canned fruit and vegetables, shampoo, household cleaning products. Thank you for your support and generosity!

The new **PRAYER CALENDARS** for February are ready for pick up on the table in the Narthex! Please take a copy and support our Sunday School children in praying for each other and for each other's families!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for Community Outreach Drop-In Fridays throughout the winter, 12:30-2:30pm, on Friday, February 6th; Friday, February 20th and Friday, March 6th. If you are interested in assisting, please speak further with Sheila S.!

The St. Andrew's Social Club will hold another **GAMES NIGHT** on Friday, February 6th, from 6:00-9:00pm, in the Church Hall. Munchies, drinks and games will be provided. Come out and enjoy the fun with your church family! If interested in attending, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex, or speak with Al C.

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

The **"COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR" WALK** is a fundraiser conducted by The Refuge. This event raises money for the hungry, homeless and hurting in 80+ communities across Canada, and it will take place on Saturday, February 21st. If you have any questions or are interested in participating, please call The Refuge at (905) 404-2420, or access their website at coldestnightoftheyear.org/Oshawa.

SANCTUARY MODIFICATIONS: Session is planning to modify the chancel area at the front of the church by relocating the organ console to the left side of the chancel and filling in the pit where the console is currently located. This will provide a more flexible use of space on the chancel and will give more prominence to the communion table. Following these modifications, the Sanctuary and chancel carpet will be replaced. This work should be completed by mid-March.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: We are looking for a few families to be Coffee Hour hosts. Training and assistance will be provided. Generally, the host family serves for one month per year, but this is negotiable. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please speak to John C.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS (Canadian and foreign) **AND CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS** are being collected and can be deposited in the labelled box on the Narthex table. When cutting stamps, please allow for a 1/4" border around each stamp, as damaged stamps have no value.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SUPPORT PROGRAM (Mission Room): The following list is of items that are most needed for our Community Outreach program: boxed cereal, deodorant, liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, lunch box snacks, 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 63: DID THE HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRE THE BIBLE?

ANSWER: Yes, the Bible itself testifies to the Spirit's inspiration of its writings. The Holy Spirit also guided the church in the selection of the canon, and leads us by an inner witness to accept the scriptures as God's written word to us. Holy Scriptures are necessary, sufficient and reliable for our salvation, revealing Jesus Christ, the living Word.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21; 1 Cor 2:11-13; Ps 12:6; Prov 30:5-6; 2 Sam 22:31; Jn 1:1-18; Acts 4:25; Heb 1:1-2, 3:7-11; Rev 1:1-3

COMING EVENTS!

Feb 1st	— 10:00am	Sunday morning <u>Communion</u> Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
Feb 2nd	— 7:30pm	Board of Managers meeting, in the Parlour
Feb 3rd	— 1:30pm	Craft Club, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
Feb 4th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 1:00pm	Prayer meeting, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study, in Pastor Jonathan's Study
Feb 5th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:00pm	Financial Peace presentation, in the Parlour
Feb 6th	— 6:00pm	GAMES NIGHT, in the Hall
Feb 8th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— 11:30am	ANNUAL MEETING, in the Hall
Feb 10th	— 2:00pm	Women's Group meeting, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Sunday School meeting, in Rm 8 (downstairs)
Feb 11th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Session meeting, in the Parlour
Feb 12th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Feb 15th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary