

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 4<sup>th</sup> 2015**

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. 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.

The **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will start up again on Wednesday, January 21st, at 7:00pm, in Pastor Jonathan's study. Our study topic this winter is “Lessons From Church History.” Men and boys are welcome to come and enjoy fellowship, discussion and bible learning.

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.

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 may be particularly helpful for young people starting out, whether it be going to university or living on their own for the first time; however, this course also serves as a good refresher for anyone wishing to get back to the basics of budgeting and setting goals for ourselves. This presentation and discussion will take place 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.

**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 59: WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PENTECOST?**

**ANSWER:** Beginning with Pentecost, God's Spirit came to dwell with the church in a new and ever-present way. All Christians share in the Spirit, "being baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13). By the Holy Spirit, Christ's Church comes alive, is sustained and guided. And the Spirit also works freely in the world, bringing goodness and justice.

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:** 1 Cor 12:13; Eph 4:4; 1 Thess 1:5; Acts 9:31; Jn 7:39; Acts 4:8, 6:10, 8:29, 10:19, 13:2-4, 15:28; 1 Cor 3:16, 12:1-31; Gal 3:3-5

## COMING EVENTS!

Jan 4th, <b>2015!</b>	— 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