

ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 15th, 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Ernest J., who turned 85 years young on March 10th! We offer our best wishes to Ernest on this milestone occasion!

EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- Sunday, March 29th, 10:00am—Palm Sunday service
- Thursday, April 2nd, 7:00pm—Maundy Thursday service
- Friday, April 3rd, 10:00am—Good Friday service (Communion)
- Sunday, April 5th—Easter Sunday service

EASTER LILY AND HYDRANGEA ORDERS are now being received. If you wish to purchase a lily or hydrangea, in memory of a loved one, to decorate our Sanctuary for Easter, please see the order form insert in your bulletin. Please submit your order, with the accompanying payment, to the church office, no later than Wednesday, March 25th.

The **EASTER NEWSLETTER** is coming! Would those who typically offer a submission (the leaders of the various committees and groups) please do so by Sunday, March 15th at the latest! Also, members of the congregation are welcome to offer submissions — short stories, poems, appropriate jokes, book reviews, etc. are all welcome material that we may be able to use! All submissions can be emailed to the church office at standrewswhitby@bellnet.ca.

Please be aware of the **“NOONS IN LENT”** luncheons being conducted at All Saints Anglican Church, 300 Dundas St. W., Whitby, on Wednesdays, at 11:30am, throughout the season of Lent. This time will include a 30 minute service, followed by a soup/sandwich lunch, for a cost of \$5.00.

Please feel welcome to pick up a booklet of **DAILY LENTEN MEDITATIONS AND PRAYERS**, entitled *“God’s Abiding Love,”* written by Henri J.M. Nouwen, from the table in the Narthex.

The renovations to the Sanctuary are partially completed. During this time of transition, please **WATCH YOUR STEP** in the Sanctuary, as the flooring has not yet been evened out.

“FEED THE NEED DURHAM” (FTND) will be responsible for providing volunteers on Saturday, March 21st and Sunday, March 22nd to participate in the annual *Purple Woods Maple Syrup Festival*. It is a full day, from 8:00am to 4:00pm, that your time would be required. The jobs may vary from making pancakes at the griddle, to washing dishes, to serving pancakes to the public, to keeping the coffee station running. If you are able to volunteer on either of these days, please email Helen W., at helen@ftnd.ca.

Please be aware that the **DUTY ELDER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH is STEVE P.** The duty elder is responsible for staying in the Sanctuary following Sunday’s worship service to see if there is anyone in need of prayer or assistance. Follow up is also provided, if requested. The duty elder will also be available to assist with funerals taking place in our Sanctuary.

The ladies of St. Andrew’s are invited to a **BRIDAL TEA**, on Sunday, April 12th, at 2:00pm, in honour of Jessica H’s upcoming wedding to Des L. Please RSVP to Kate T. or Tricia B.

A **YMCA CAMP** is being conducted in Brooklin this summer. The camp will be located at Chris Hadfield P.S., and will run from June 29th to August 28th. If your child is interested in attending, please email Rebecca P. at chrishadfield.daycamp@ymcagta.org. For more information, please visit their websites at: <http://bit.ly/1wh4OUW>, or <http://bit.ly/1DZoZnP>.

JUNIOR FLAG DANCE TEAM! Meet with Sharon G. and learn some new flag moves on Sunday, March 22nd, in the Sanctuary, following the morning worship service. We will practice immediately following the Little Harmonies practice.

INTER-ACTIVE PRAYER STATION: Take a moment to send a prayer to those around the world who need it! Check out the prayer board in the church hall during coffee hour to pray for those in other countries, or someone you know who might be traveling, or one of the many missionaries doing God's work abroad. Add your prayer to our map and help build this interactive prayer station.

SEEKING USHER COORDINATOR to be responsible for coordinating the ushering duties on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in this ministry, please speak with John C. or Peter R. We thank Carole and Chuck L. for their excellent leadership in this role over the past few years.

Please be sure to check the **COMING EVENTS** section in the printed announcements for the various **COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS** being held at St. Andrew's. We are making an effort to reduce the amount of time spent on the verbal announcements, so that we have more time available to devote to worship during our Sunday morning services. New information and/or anything outside the norm will continue to be announced verbally.

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: pasta sauce, boxed cereal, deodorant (men's and women's), liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, lunch box snacks, crackers, soup. Your donations are well used and much appreciated! Together, we are making a difference!

UPCOMING COMMUNION DATES:

- Friday, April 3rd, 2015
- Sunday, June 7th, 2015

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 69: HOW DOES THE BIBLE SPEAK OF THE CHURCH?

ANSWER: The New Testament uses many images, including Bride of Christ, flock, the elect, salt, light, yeast, branches of a vine, living stones, people of God, body of Christ, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit. These all emphasize the union of Christ and his church.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Mt 5:14; Lk 12:32; Jn 15:5; 1 Pet 2:9; 2 Cor 11:2, 13:13; Mt 5:13, 13:33; Jn 10:1-16; Eph 1:4-6; 1 Pet 2:4; 1 Cor 12:13

COMING EVENTS!

Mar 15th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
Mar 17th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Mar 18th	— all day	Easter Newsletter submissions DUE!!!
	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study, in Pastor Jonathan's Study
Mar 19th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Mar 20th	— 12:00noon	Community Drop-In food bank, in the Hall
Mar 22nd	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
Mar 24th	— 7:00pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Mar 25th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study
	— 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study, in Pastor Jonathan's Study
Mar 26th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Mar 29th	— 10:00am	Palm Sunday Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— 1:00pm	Whitby/Ajax Garden Project meeting, in the Hall