

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, March 22nd 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Art J., who will celebrate his 85th birthday on March 26th! We offer our congratulations to Art on this milestone occasion!

BIRTHDAY WISHES also go out to David C., who celebrates his birthday today, and to Brian M., who celebrates his birthday on March 28th!

JUNIOR FLAG DANCE TEAM! Meet with Sharon G. and learn some new flag moves **TODAY**, following the morning worship service! We will get started at 11:30am, in the Sanctuary, immediately following the Little Harmonies practice.

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, 6:30am — Sunrise Service, at Whitby Harbour
- Sunday, April 5th, 10:00am — 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.

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 almost completed, and the Sanctuary looks great! During this time of transition, please **WATCH YOUR STEP** in the Sanctuary!

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.

Please be aware of the two upcoming **MEN’S BREAKFASTS** on Saturday, April 11th and Saturday, May 2nd, at 8:30am. On April 11th, Andrew A., the Minister of Leaskdale Presbyterian Church will be speaking and, on May 2nd, we will enjoy the words of Lynn L., who has previously been a speaker at St. Andrew’s.

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>.

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.

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 70: HOW IS THE CHURCH RELATED TO THE "PEOPLE OF GOD" OF THE OLD TESTAMENT?

ANSWER: The biblical image of the "people of God" connects the community of the Old Testament with the community of the New Testament. The church continues and renews the ancient covenant people through Christ's fulfilment of a new covenant, prophesied by Jeremiah. All believers are the people of God.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Jer 31:31, 33; 1 Cor 11:25; Heb 8:8-13, 10:16; Lk 22:20; 2 Cor 3:6; Rom 9:4, 1:27; 1 Pet 2: 4-10.

COMING EVENTS!

Mar 22nd	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 11:30am	Liturgical Dance flagging workshop, 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
Mar 31st	— 7:00pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Apr 1st	— 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
Apr 2nd	— 7:00pm	Maundy Thursday service, in the Sanctuary
	— CANCELLED	Praise Team practice
April 3rd	— 10:00am	Good Friday service, in the Sanctuary
April 5th	— 6:30am	Sonrise Easter service, Whitby Harbour
	— 10:00am	Easter Sunday service, in the Sanctuary