

ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 8th 2015

Today, we are conducting a **REVERSE OFFERING**, during our service. When the plate is passed, please take a slip of paper OUT of the plate. On the slip of paper a food item will be noted that is needed for our Community Outreach Friday Drop-In. Please add this item to your grocery list and bring the item to church the following Sunday. As always, your assistance and support is greatly appreciated—we are doing good work in our community!

You are invited to come and join us in **WINTER WORSHIP 2015**, which will be held **TONIGHT, at 7:00pm!** For the past 8 years, Winter Worship has become a wonderful event that we look forward to with anticipation. This year's event will be an evening of enthusiastic worship through music, singing, liturgical dance and scripture — the theme will be "*I Will Walk By Faith!*" Young and old, bring yourselves, your family and your friends as we praise God! A free-will offering will be collected in support of The Refuge, a teen shelter in Durham Region. There will be refreshments following the service. ***WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!***

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.

EASTER LILY AND HYDRANGEA ORDERS are now being received. Please see the insert in your bulletin and submit your order, with the accompanying payment, to the church office, no later than **Wednesday, March 25th**, please.

Please be aware of the **"NOONS IN LENT"** luncheons being conducted at All Saints Anglican Church, 300 Dundas St. W., Whitby, on **Wednesdays, at 12:00noon, 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.

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.

"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 contact Helen at (905) 571-3863, or email her at helen@ftnd.ca.

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

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.

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: 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 68: WHY DOES THE APOSTLES' CREED EMPHASIZE BELIEF IN "THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH?"

ANSWER: It does so to emphasize that the church is essential to Christian belief and practice. The church is holy in that it is set apart by God to be a chosen people in the world. The church is "catholic" in that it is universal, including all people of all time who affirm the Christian faith. To belong to a congregation is to belong to the holy catholic church.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: 1 Tim 3:15; Eph 4:4-5; 1 Pet 1:15-16; Eph 1:32; 1 Cor 3:17, 12:12-31; 1 Pet 2:4-10; Ex 19:6; Lev 11:44; 1 Cor 1:2; Rom 1:7; Eph 1:1; Phil 1:1

COMING EVENTS!

Mar 8th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:00pm	WINTER WORSHIP 2015!!! In the Sanctuary
Mar 10th	— 2:00pm	Ladies Group meeting, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Mar 11th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Session meeting, in the Parlour
	— CANCELLED	Men's Bible Study

Mar 12th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
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