

ANNOUNCEMENTS – May 3rd, 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Austin Langsford and Phyllis Bailey, who both celebrate their birthdays today! Austin is turning 6 years old, and Phyllis is 89 years young! Jim Thompson also celebrates a birthday this week, tomorrow, on May 4th! The happiest of birthday wishes to all!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Duke & Edith Zilstra, who celebrate 59 years of wedded bliss on May 5th!

THANK YOU! Monica M. (and Brian!) wish to thank everyone very much for the lovely “high tea” held last Sunday afternoon in Monica’s honour. Your kindness is appreciated, and a special thanks goes out to the team who organized the event, made sandwiches and baked goods, and those who served and helped with the clean up. Your cards and words of encouragement were wonderful!

KNOX COLLEGE CONVOCATION: All are welcome to the graduation ceremonies on Wednesday, May 13th, at 7:30pm, at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto (main campus, downtown Toronto). Monica M. will be graduating and all are welcome!

OK!...BLUE JAYS!...LET’S...PLAY...BALL!!! Due to an excellent response, the Social Committee has ordered extra tickets for the Blue Jays game on June 20th, 1:00pm start, vs the Orioles, at a cost of \$50.00/ticket. Our seats are at ground level, along the third baseline, which is in the shade. Please reserve your ticket(s) **ASAP** through Al C. or Cathy R.

Rev. Tait will be hosting a **COMMUNICANTS AND MEMBERSHIP CLASS**, beginning May 12th, which will include 3 sessions, concluding with reception into church membership during Sunday worship in June. The sessions will be held in the minister’s Study (upstairs) on Tuesday, May 12th, May 26th and June 2nd, from 7:00-8:30pm. Please contact the church office, at (905) 668-4022, if you are interested in participating in this class.

All teens are welcome to join the **INSPIRE YOUTH GROUP**. We meet each Sunday in the basement lounge ten minutes after the end of the service until 12:30pm. In our last session we studied the Gospel of Mark and this session we are looking at the lives of Christian author C.S. Lewis (think *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*) and the famous atheist psychologist Sigmund Freud. The discussions are lively and reflective, the lunch is warm and yummy, and the company welcoming and INSPIRED!

SUMMER STUDENT POSITION: St. Andrew's is looking to hire one summer student **beginning June 29 until August 28th**. This is an administrative position, with office duties as well as teaching and/or helping with summer Sunday School on Sundays in July and August. This position is for a total of 30 hours per week. Anyone interested in this position please submit your resume to the church Office, at **standrewswhitby@bellnet.ca**, by **May 11th, 2015**.

Please be aware that the **DUTY ELDER for the MONTH OF MAY is FRIKKIE B!** 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. Should you wish to pray or speak with the Duty Elder, please remain in your seat following the service and the Duty Elder will come to you.

SAVE THE DATE! On Sunday, May 24th we will be holding a worship concert in the Sanctuary called “*Don’t Let The Music Die*”. The purpose of this event will be to raise funds to support Hanné B. (daughter of Frikkie and Corina B.) as she prepares to start the second year of her two-year music program for organ performance, in Basil, Switzerland. This event will be a celebration of music shared through congregational hymn/praise song singing, individual instrumental and vocal offerings and liturgical dance. All are welcome! We will have a light luncheon following the morning church service and then we will move into the Sanctuary for the concert, which will run from 12:30 to 1:30pm. There will be an opportunity to make a free-will donation toward Hanné’s studies. So mark your calendars and plan to be there! Invite a friend!

Further to the Blue Jays game, on Saturday, June 20th, at 5:00pm, the social aspect of the day will continue at St. Andrew’s, following the game, with a **HAMBURGER AND HOTDOG BBQ**. **Everyone is invited to the BBQ!** Please see the sign-up sheet for the BBQ on the table in the Narthex.

DONATIONS of CHILDREN’S SHOES: Maxene H’s friend, Grace, who is a volunteer with “Sleeping Children Around the World,” will be going to Uganda in late May to distribute 5000 bed-kits to the poorest children. During that time, they will visit an orphanage that houses infants to 10 year old children, and they are hoping to take a suitcase full of lightly used children’s shoes for the orphans. Shoe donations will be gratefully received at the church until May 15th — a shoe drop box is located in the Narthex. Let us collectively “*put a rainbow in a child’s cloud.*” Should you have any questions, please speak with Maxene.

PRAYER CALENDARS for MAY are now located on the table in the Narthex! Please take a calendar home with you and help our Sunday School children pray for each other and their families!

LOOKING FOR A COUPLE OF “ON CALL” VOLUNTEERS to assist with folding and collating in the church office. Volunteers would most often be required on Friday mornings, on an “as needed” basis. If anyone is interested in assisting with these duties, please call Heather in the church office, at (905) 668-4022.

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.

UPCOMING COMMUNION DATES: 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 76: WHY DOES THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAVE ELDERS?

ANSWER: The Greek word for elder is “presbyter,” from which the Presbyterian Church derives its name. Elders were chosen in ancient Israel to join with the priests and Levites to govern the people. Paul appointed and ordained presbyters and instructed Titus to appoint elders in every city. Elders are elected and ordained to share with the minister in the leadership, pastoral care and oversight of the congregation. Their rule is exercised not individually, but corporately through church courts — sessions, presbyteries, synods and general assembly.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Num 11:16; Acts 14:23; 1 Tim 5:17; Titus 1:5; Ex 3:16, 4:29, 12:21; 2 Chr 19:8-10; Acts 11:30, 5:4, 6:23, 16:4, 20:17; Rom 12:8; 1 Cor 12:27-28; Jas 5:14-15; 1 Pet 5:1-5; 2 Jn 1; Rev 4: 4 & 10

COMING EVENTS!

May 3rd	— 10:00am	Family Worship service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 11:10am	INSPIRE Youth Group meeting, Room 8 (downstairs)
May 4th	— 7:30pm	Board of Managers meeting, in the Parlour
May 5th	— 1:30pm	Craft Club meeting, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study
May 6th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 1:00pm	Prayer meeting, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Session meeting, in the Parlour
	— CANCELLED	Men’s Bible Study
May 7th	— 12:00noon	Worship Committee meeting, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
May 10th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 11:10am	INSPIRE Youth Group meeting, Room 8 (downstairs)
May 12th	— 2:00pm	Women’s Group meeting, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
May 13th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— CANCELLED	Men’s Bible Study
May 14th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
May 15th	— 1:00pm	Community Outreach Food Bank, in the Hall
May 17th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 11:10am	INSPIRE Youth Group meeting, Room 8 (downstairs)