

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, May 10th 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes go out to a few people in our congregation! Heather S. (May 14th), Maxene H., Thelma J. and Jo Ann P. (all on May 15th) and Kasha F. (May 16th — 10 years old!) all celebrate their birthdays this week, and we wish them all the best on their special day!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Paul & Vicki S., who celebrated 28 years together yesterday, and to Andrea & Lucien L., who celebrate their 7th anniversary today! We wish both couples many more years of happiness!

FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT PARKING! Please be aware that it is illegal to park on the driveways of the church, as they are designated fire routes! Parking in these areas could result in the church being fined, or your car being ticketed. Should the parking lot be full, parking is available at the front of the church on Cochrane Street.

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 invited to share in this occasion!

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**.

THANK YOU! Monica M. (and Brian!) wish to thank everyone very much for the lovely “high tea” held two weeks ago. 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!

LIGHTING FIXTURES: It is the desire of the Board of Managers and the Decorating Committee to install brighter, more energy-efficient light fixtures in the area under the Sanctuary balcony and in the coat rack alcove. This initiative would improve visibility both in the rear pews and the Narthex. If you are interested in contributing to the \$2700 cost of this work, please designate your offering to “lighting” on the third section of your offering envelope, or by using the pew envelopes.

Please be aware that **TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** is finished for the summer! This group will reconvene in September.

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 H.

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.

NEXT COMMUNION: Sunday, June 7th

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 77: WHY DOES THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ALSO HAVE DIACONAL ORDER?

ANSWER: The early church had deacons as well as presbyters. The word comes from the Greek "diakonia," which refers to the church's ministry of service. Today, members of the Order of Diaconal Ministries are designated to various ministries in the life of the church. In addition, some congregations have a deacons' court to care for the sick, the suffering and the needy.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: 1 Tim 3:8-13; 13; Phil 1:2; Rom 16:1; Acts 6:1-6

COMING EVENTS!

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
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)
May 19th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
May 20th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study, in Pastor Jonathan's Study (upstairs)
May 21st	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
May 24th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 11:10am	INSPIRE Youth Group meeting, in Room 8 (downstairs)

CHURCH LIBRARY – RECOMMENDED READING

“Forbidden” by Ted Dekker & Tosca Lee: A powerful truth lies within, but to every soul on earth it is...forbidden. The book of Mortals rocks with the same level of intensity and brilliance as Dekker's Circle Series.

“Tempted, Tested, True” by Arnie Cole & Michael Ross: A proven path to overcoming soul-robbing choices.

“How Much Is Enough?” by Arthur Simon: Hungering for God in an affluent culture.

“Friendship Cake” by Lynne Hinton: When five women form a committee to create a cookbook, they embark on a project much more meaningful than they could have ever imagined.

“Dallas and the Spitfire” by Ted Kluck & Dallas Jahncke: An old car, an ex-con, and an unlikely friendship.

“The River” by Michael Neale: A story that will transform how you see yourself and the world.

“21 Ways to Connect With Your Kids” by Kathi Lipp: An investment opportunity you won't want to miss!

“The Harmony Series” by Nancy Mehl: “Simple Secrets”, “Simple Deceit” and “Simple Choices” follow the lives of the Mennonites in Harmony, Kansas, and outsider Gracie Temple, who comes to live among them.