

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2015**

This week, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** wishes are extended to Mildred H. (today!), Abby F. (May 21, 10 years old!), Lily H. (May 22) and Carole L. (May 23). We hope all of these ladies enjoy a wonderful day!

Next week, on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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! If you are able to help support this event by making some sandwiches, cookies, or squares, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

**WILLING TO HELP?** From time to time, someone in our congregation has a problem and needs some support. As a Stephen Ministry Leader, I can act as the “matchmaker” between someone who needs a hand and the person able to provide it. What I need is a roster of people willing to be called upon occasionally. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex where you can indicate your willingness and specifics on how you can be of service. We need people who can provide a ride, prepare a casserole, offer an hour of child care, a friend visit, etc. Thanks for helping to make us an even more supportive Christian Community.

We require your assistance in delivering a carnation plant to our **“FRIENDS at HOME.”** You will notice that there are carnation plants sitting on the table in the Narthex, which are to be delivered to friends who, for physical reasons, are unable to attend church on a regular basis. If you are able to deliver a plant to the individual noted on the label, it would be greatly appreciated!

**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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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.

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

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!

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.

**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.

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 Henry’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 Henry.

**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 78: WHO ARE THE NEEDY?**

**ANSWER:** All of us stand in need of God’s grace and healing, but in particular, the needy are those identified in Jesus’ parable of the Last Judgement (Matthew 25:31ff); the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison. In these and others in need, we encounter our living Lord. The church proclaims the good news of salvation not only by word, but also by action.

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:** Js 1:27; Ps 41:1; Mt 25:40; Lk 4:18; Ps 10:12, 12:5, 35:10; Prov 30:14, 31:9; Lk 6:20; Gl 2:10; Jas1:27, 2:6

## **COMING EVENTS!**

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)
	— 11:30am	Luncheon, in the Hall, followed by...
	— 12:30pm	“Don’t Let the Music Die” Concert, in the Sanctuary
May 25th	— 7:30pm	Missions Committee meeting, in the Parlour
May 26th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
May 27th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Men’s Bible Study, in Pastor Jonathan’s Study (upstairs)
May 28th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
May 29th	— 1:00pm	Food Bank Drop-In, in the Hall
May 31st	— 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)

### **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.