

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 2015**

Lots of birthday wishes this week! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Adalyn M. (May 27, 1 year old!); her grandmother, Carole S. (May 28th); Pastor Jonathan turns 45 years old (June 2); and Jean M. (June 4). Best wishes for a wonderful day!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Howard & Lily H., who celebrate 54 happy years together on June 5th! We wish them many more years of happiness!

Jessica H. and Des L. wish to invite the congregation to their **WEDDING CEREMONY** on Friday, June 5th, at 6:00pm. They are excited about their upcoming nuptials and would love to have you share in this special time!

During today's service, we will be conducting a **REVERSE OFFERING**. When the plate is passed, please take a slip of paper, on which there will be noted an item needed for our Community Outreach food bank. Please add this item to your shopping list and bring it to church with you next Sunday. With the support of many, we are doing wonderful work in our community!

**THANK YOU from the Becker family:** The Becker family sincerely appreciate the overwhelming support of the congregation for the memorable worship concert held last Sunday. It was an unforgettable and uplifting experience of beautiful music, worship and dance — an outpouring of love from our church community. We thank Session for initiating this event; Brian & Monica M. for their pivotal role; the Praise Team and Anointed Joy for their presentations; to all who contributed food for the luncheon; Ted & Lynne S. for their extra effort in the kitchen; and to everyone who made a contribution toward Hanné's music studies. *"I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously." (Exodus 15:1)*

**WILLING TO HELP?** From time to time, someone in our congregation has a problem and needs some support. As a Stephen Ministry Leader, Sheila S. can act as the "matchmaker" between someone who needs a hand and the person able to provide it — what she needs 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 to help 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 friendly visit, etc. Thanks for helping to make us an even more supportive Christian Community.

The **SUMMER NEWSLETTER** is coming, but we need your submissions! In addition to the regular contributors, submissions are welcome from the congregation — short stories, poems, appropriate jokes, etc. Submissions are due no later than June 14th, and the newsletter will be issued on Sunday, June 28th.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH—CHURCH ON THE LAWN!** Please mark this date on your calendar! We will have our 5th annual outdoor service at 10:00am on the front lawn of the church. We will worship in the beautiful outdoors, enjoying God's creation and singing praises to Him. There will be liturgical dance and wonderful, musical praise...so, feel welcome to bring your favourite lawn chair (additional seating will be provided), your sunglasses, wear your summer outfits, and join in the worship and fellowship with the rest of our church family. Invite a friend to come along and find out what St. Andrew's is all about!

A couple of ***GREAT CONCERTS*** featuring wonderful gospel music are happening soon in our area!

- **The Martins**, a vocally-based group of three siblings, have performed at the White House, Carnegie Hall, and have appeared many times on the Gaither Homecoming TV show. They will be performing at The Tabernacle, in Cobourg, on Saturday, July 18th, at 7:30pm. For more information on this group, please visit their website at [www.the-martins.com](http://www.the-martins.com). If you are interested in attending their concert, please call The Tabernacle for more information, at (905) 372-4388.
- Also, **Keith & Kristyn Getty** will be performing at Calvary Baptist Church, in Oshawa, on Thursday, October 15th, at 7:00pm. The Gettys are masters in the writing of contemporary Christian music, and we sing many of their songs here at St. Andrew's. Tickets for their concert are now available — please see the poster on the Narthex board for further details, or call Calvary Baptist church at (905) 433-2960.

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.

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.

**NEXT COMMUNION:** Sunday, June 7th (next week!)

## **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 80: WHAT IS BAPTISM?**

**ANSWER:** Baptism is a sign and seal of our union with Christ and his body, the church. Through it, by faith and the work of the Spirit, we are washed and cleansed from sin, share in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and are commissioned to Christ's service. Baptism assures us that we belong to God. Our great comfort in life and in death is that we belong to our faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:** Matt 3:16; Rom 6:4-5; 1 Cor 6:11; Jn 3:5; Mt 3:13-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:21-22; 1 Pet 3:20-21; 1 Cor 10:1-2, 12:13; Gal 3:27-29, Col 2:12; Titus 3:5

## **COMING EVENTS!**

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)
June 1st	— 7:30pm	Board of Managers meeting, in the Parlour
June 2nd	— 1:30pm	Craft Club meeting, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
June 3rd	— 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 (upstairs)
June 4th	— 12:00noon	Worship Committee meeting, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
June 7th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning <b>Communion</b> Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 11:10am	INSPIRE Youth Group meeting, in Room 8 (downstairs)
June 9th	— 2:00pm	Women's group meeting, in the Parlour
June 10th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Session meeting, in the Parlour
June 11th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
June 12th	— 1:00pm	Community Outreach food bank, in the Hall
June 14th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, <b>on the front lawn of the church</b>
	— 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.