

Announcements May 24th, 2015

This week, we wish a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Ron C. (May 27th), Monir A. and Cindy B. (both on May 28th)! Best wishes — enjoy your special day!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY wishes go out to two couples this week — Sharon & Steve P. (May 26th) and Brian & Monica M. (May 29th). Best wishes for many more happy years together!

Today, following the service, we will be holding a **WORSHIP CONCERT** in the Sanctuary called “*Don’t Let The Music Die.*” The purpose of this event is 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 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.

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 their special day!

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.

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.

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.

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 79: WHAT IS A SACRAMENT?

ANSWER: In obedience to our Lord’s command and example, we observe two sacraments, baptism and holy communion. Sacraments are visible expressions of the gospel and are given as means of entering and sustaining the Christian life. By baptism we are initiated into the Christian community and begin our Christian pilgrimage. Through the Lord’s Supper we receive food for our journey and re strengthened in faith.

In baptism and the Lord’s Supper, there is a sacramental union between the sign and the thing signified. Water signifies the forgiveness and new life in Christ; bread and wine, the body and blood of the Lord. The grace effective in the sacraments comes not from any power in them but from the work of the Holy Spirit, Rightly received, in faith and repentance, the sacraments convey that which they symbolize.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Mt 28:19, 1 Cor 11:24-26, Rom 6:3-5, Col 2:12, 1 Cor 6:11, Jn 3:5, Titus 3:5, 1 Pet 3:20-21, Mt 26:26-29, Mk 14:22-25, Lk 22:14-20, Jn 6:51-58

Coming Events

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	“ <i>Don’t Let the Music Die</i> ” 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)
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 Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 11:10am	INSPIRE Youth Group meeting, in Room 8 (downstairs)

Library

“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.