

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 2015**

The church wishes to offer a sincere ***THANK YOU*** to our summer student, Andrew R., who did a spectacular job for the church this summer! Andrew covered the office duties during Heather's vacation weeks, assisted in the Sunday School, and did a lot of work with Emily and the Community Outreach program. He did a fabulous job and we wish him all the best in the upcoming school year!

***CONGRATULATIONS*** go out to Tania, Jason and Adalyn M., who are expecting an addition to their family in February 2016! We offer our best to the family and we wish Tania good health throughout her pregnancy.

The ***DUTY ELDER for the MONTH of AUGUST is JOHN C!*** 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.

### ***PRAISE TEAM PRACTICES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>!***

***"Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord"*** Do you like to sing? Do you like to praise God? Do you enjoy the fellowship of others? Then please consider joining St. Andrew's Praise Team and using your talents, as we lead our congregation in corporate singing during our Sunday morning services! We practice on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. For further information contact Brian M.

***OPPORTUNITIES TO USE YOUR TALENTS:*** Prayerfully consider this list: reading scripture, delivering the welcome and announcements at the start of a service, leading a prayer, being part of a simple drama skit, preparing and delivering a short call to worship. If you have experience in any of these service opportunities and would like to take part in our services in any of these ways, please contact Brian M. If you would like to develop your abilities in one of these areas, talk to Brian. Support and encouragement are available!

***RALLY DAY*** is fast-approaching! Be sure to mark Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> on your calendar! The Social Committee will be hosting a Corn Roast and BBQ, complete with games for all. The fun and fellowship will begin immediately following the worship service, rain or shine. To assist with the purchase of food for the barbeque, a sign-up sheet is on the Narthex table. If you have any questions, please speak with either Al C. or Cathy R.

Please be aware that we have started updating the ***COMING EVENTS*** section of the bulletin announcements with the September start-up dates for the various groups/meetings that occur here in the church. We look forward to being back together in the upcoming church year!

***LITURGICAL DANCE:*** Please see the "*Coming Events*" section for "Anointed Joy" and "Raise the Praise" start-up date! Our three dance groups include:

- Anointed Joy (grade 7 to adult)
- Raise the Praise (grades 4-6)
- Junior Flag Dance Team (JFDT—all ages)

If you are interested in joining one of our dance teams, we invite you to come out to our practice to see what we are doing, learn more about liturgical dance and try the dances out — no experience is required! If there is sufficient interest in the "Raise the Praise" age group, we will establish a separate practice time by the end of September. The JFDT is Sunday morning praise that takes place during our worship service — stay tuned for the fall schedule! If you have any questions, please contact Sharon G.

A **GREAT CONCERT OPPORTUNITY** is coming to our area! **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.

## **CATECHISM for TODAY**

The following question comes 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 a question 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 93: HOW ARE GOD’S FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINGS AND OUR FORGIVENESS OF OTHERS RELATED?**

**ANSWER:** It is exceedingly difficult to forgive, yet when we are forgiven by God, and helped by the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to forgive others. We are to forgive even as we are forgiven. The Christian community is called to be an oasis of forgiveness in the contemporary desert of resentment and rage, vengeance and hatred.

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:** Mt 6:12, 18:21, 23-35; Lk 6:27-28, 23-34; Ex 34:6-7, 32:32; Num 14:18-19; 1Kings 8:39; Ps 103:3; Mk 11:25

## **COMING EVENTS!**

Aug 30th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Sept 4th	— 1:00pm	Community Outreach Food Bank, in the Hall
Sept 6th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Sept 8th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Sunday School teachers meeting, at the church
Sept 9th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Session meeting, in the Parlour
Sept 10th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 13th	— 10:00am	Rally Day Service, followed by congregational BBQ
	— 10:00am	regular Sunday School commences, downstairs
Sept 14th	— 7:30pm	Board of Managers meeting, in the Parlour
Sept 15th	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Sept 16th	— 7:00pm	Men’s Bible Study, in Pastor Jonathan’s Study (upstairs)
Oct 6th	— 1:00pm	Mat Making Club, in the Parlour

## LIBRARY

*Dear friends,*

*Imagine your perfect warm weather reading spot. Are you basking on the deck of a sun-drenched backyard? Stretched out in a breezy hammock by the lake? Leaning against a leafy shade tree in the park? Okay, maybe our realities don't exactly match our dreams, but the great thing about being a fiction lover is that anywhere — even in a rusty lawn chair by the kiddie pool — can be a restful retreat. Discover the many fiction authors your St. Andrew's library has to offer. Transport yourself beyond the realities of everyday life...*

**“Legacy of the King’s Pirate” series by M.L. Tyndall:** Book one of M.L. Tyndall’s 3-book series regards Lady Charlisse Bristol setting off on a voyage in search of a father she never knew, only to find herself shipwrecked on a desert island. Near starvation, she is rescued by a band of pirates. Will Charlisse win her struggle against the lure of this pirate captain, Edmund Merrick? Edmund offers to help Charlisse on her quest, until he discovers her father is none other than Edward the Terror, the cruellest pirate on the Caribbean. Can Edmund win this lady’s love while shielding her from his lecherous crew and working to bring her father to justice?

**“Sister’s of Holmes County” series by Wanda Brunstetter:** Book one of this 3-book series finds Grace Hostettler putting her rumschprunge days behind her, and she returns to her Amish community in Holmes County, Ohio, and becomes engaged to Cleon Schrock. Grace’s life is turned upside-down when she runs into Gary Walker, an English man who knows enough about her former life to destroy her future. Can God bring anything good out of a shameful past?

**“The Angelwalk Trilogy” by Roger Elwood:** Clearly portraying both the seen and unseen at work, these three volumes (Angelwalk, Fallen Angel, Steadfast) form a visionary story filled with angels, spiritual warfare and the struggle between good and evil.

**“An Emerald Ballad” series by B.J. Koff:** Book one of this acclaimed series begins the 5-book series of three friends raised in a tiny Irish village devastated by the potato famine of the mid-1800s, as they struggle to survive and hold onto their faith during Ireland’s darkest days.

**“Chronicles of the Kings” by Lynn Austin:** Book one of this 5-book series is full of biblical excitement at it’s best! When Hezekiah’s evil father plans to sacrifice him, Queen Abijah desperately tries to foil the plan. Only two men can help her and neither seems trustworthy. In a land of violence and sin, queen and prince must discover the one true source of their strength.

*We would love to hear about the books you’ve read and enjoyed from the St. Andrew’s library. Please send us a review that we will post in the fall newsletter and bulletin!*