

ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH 2015

JOIN US FOR RALLY DAY TODAY! The Social Committee is hosting a Corn Roast and BBQ **today**, complete with games for all! The fun and fellowship will begin immediately following the worship service, rain or shine. Please join us as we get the church year off to a fun start!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes go out this week to Catherine S. (Sept 16th—20 years old!) and Ellianna T. (Sept 17th —5 years old!) We wish both young ladies a SPECTACULAR day!

HAPPY 35th ANNIVERSARY to Jackie & Geoff N., who have enjoyed 35 years of wedded bliss on Sept. 18th! We congratulate them on this special occasion!

The **DUTY ELDER for the MONTH of SEPTEMBER is PAUL S.!** 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 BEGINS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th!

"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 practise 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, support and encouragement are available!

LITURGICAL DANCE: Please see the "Coming Events" section of the announcements for our practice times! 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.

If you are interested in helping out with **USHERING DUTIES**, please speak with Mark or Darlene C. Mark and Darlene will be contacting all ushers over the next few weeks, as we prepare the new schedule.

The new **PRAYER CALENDAR** for the month of September is now available on the Narthex table. Please feel welcome to take one and join us in praying for our Sunday School children and their families!

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 95: WHAT IS THE NATURE OF OUR CHRISTIAN HOPE?

ANSWER: Our hope is in God, Who, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, has given us a living hope. We hope for a transformed world in which justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We also hope for a new heaven and a new earth, when death will be no more, and crying and pain will have passed away.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Ps 39:7, 71:5, 130: 5,7; 1 Tim 1:1; 1 Pet 1:3; Am 5:24, 9:11-15; 2 Pet 3:13; Jer 14:8, 17:7; Isa 11:6, 65:17; Rev 21:1-4; Acts 2:26, 23:6, 24:15, 26:6,7; Rom 5:5, 8:23-24, 15:1; Heb 11:1

COMING EVENTS!

Sept 13th	— 10:00am	Rally Day Service, followed by congregational BBQ
	— following service	Bazaar meeting, in the Parlour
Sept 14th	— 7:30pm	Board of Managers meeting, in the Parlour
Sept 15th	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 16th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study, in Pastor Jonathan's Study (upstairs)
Sept 17th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 18th	— 1:00pm	Community Outreach food bank, in the Hall
Sept 20th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning worship service, in the Sanctuary
Sept 22nd	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 23rd	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study, in Pastor Jonathan's Study (upstairs)
Sept 24th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 27th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning worship service, in the Sanctuary
Oct 6th	— 1:00pm	Mat Making Club, in the Parlour
Oct 13th	— 2:00pm	Women's Group meeting, in the Parlour
Oct 15th	— 7:00pm	Keith & Kristyn Getty concert, Calvary Baptist church, Oshawa

LIBRARY

Discover the many fiction authors your St. Andrew's library has to offer. Transport yourself beyond the realities of everyday life...

"The Journals of Corrie Belle Hollister" by Michael Phillips: These books chronicle the journey of the character of Corrie Belle Hollister through her younger years, into adulthood. She aspires to become a newspaper writer, even though newspaper editors do not take her seriously as a female writer during that time period. Throughout the entire series, Corrie interacts with a variety of well-developed characters. Michael Phillips, shows such a genuine demonstration of deep faith throughout these books and he explores through the characters how God works and impacts the lives of those who know, trust, and love Him.

"The Californians" by Lori Wick: In the midst of fresh grief and unfamiliar surroundings, Kaitlin, the Donovan's oldest daughter, must face life in rugged California. Will the men of this restless country take advantage of her innocence? Will she recognize God's unexpected gift of love? Can she keep her family safe until her father returns? Grief turns to triumph and innocence to maturity as Kaitlin lifts her heart to God for the strength to face whatever tomorrow brings.

"Texas Legacy" by Diann Mills: Best-selling author, DiAnn Mills, has crafted a poignant, historical romance set in the West during the late 1800s. In this first book of the *Texas Legacy* series, fugitive Casey O'Hare tries to forsake the outlaw life for a chance to start her life anew, but she's pursued by the law and the outlaw gang leader. Both want her dead. Will she ever find a place to call home?

"Sisterchicks" by Robin Jones Gunn: Wherever zany adventure and chocolate is found, you're bound to find good friends savoring what's best in life! Sharon and Penny meet family, romping reindeer, and steaming saunas in Finland! Mainland moms Hope and Laurie celebrate their 40th birthdays and pregnancy in heavenly Hawaii. And stunned Canadian sisters Melanie and Joanne inherit a "beachfront summerhouse" in Mexico.

"The Priceless Collection" by Davis Bunn: *Florian's Gate* is a family epic, blending mystery and romance in the luxurious trappings of contemporary London and the turbulent economies of Eastern Europe. In *The Amber Room* Jeffrey Sinclair has made deep contacts into former Eastern Bloc nations, and he and Katya are pulled into a trail of dangerous intrigue and cover-ups as they search for the truth. In *Winter Palace*, a seemingly straightforward assignment - to reclaim the winter palace of a Russian nobleman whose family lost everything during the 1917 Russian revolution - turns into something much more sinister.

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