

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** wishes go out to a few people this week!

- Bev F-T, Sept. 22nd
- Will G., Sept. 22nd
- Robyn S., Sept. 24th
- John M., Sept. 26th

*Best wishes and Happy Birthday to all!*

Today, we support our Sunday School as they introduce the **“YOUNG CHILDREN in WORSHIP”** program. We look forward to seeing our young children and teenagers take an active part in today’s service.

The **THANKSGIVING NEWSLETTER** will be issued on October 4th! We are looking to give the newsletter a more personal touch this time, and, as such, contributions from the congregation are welcome! Do you have a short story, poem, photo or joke you wish to share? Would you like to write a piece on someone’s accomplishment, or a piece on subject matter that interests you? Please, let us know about it! If you are able to contribute, please offer your submission to the church office no later than Monday, September 28th! We look forward to hearing from you!

**NEXT SUNDAY**, in Pastor Jonathan’s absence, Monica M. will be leading worship once again! Pastor Jonathan will be fulfilling his role as Interim Moderator at St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church in Leaskdale.

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 HAVE BEGUN!**

**“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.!

**“LITTLE HARMONIES”** starts today!: “Little Harmonies” is our Jr. Praise Team. This singing group is for children ages 3 – 10 years of age, and we practise each week after the Sunday morning service for 15 minutes. The only requirement is a love of singing! See group leaders Patricia B. or Denise B. for further details.

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.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SUPPORT:** Our program has been going strong all summer. Throughout August, with the help of our many community partners including St. Mark's, Brooklin United Church and Whitby Free Methodist Church, plus our many energetic volunteers from St. Andrew's, we have been able to provide 39 families with back to school supplies for over 79 children. That means that 15 junior and senior kindergarten children, 22 grade 1-3 kids, 14 grade 4-6 kids, 13 grade 7-8 children and 15 high school students had new backpacks, school supplies and lunch bags. It was wonderful to see the joy that this part of our ministry was able to give the children and families at the start of the new school year! Thanks be to God! Our next community Support drop-in is on October 2nd. We need food and hygiene item donations of every kind. If you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please feel welcome to speak to Emily, Sharon, or Sheila.

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 96: DOES THIS HOPE MAKE US INDIFFERENT TO THE SUFFERING OF THE WORLD?**

**ANSWER:** No. God teaches us to take the world seriously. When we experience the contradiction between our hope of the heavenly kingdom and the suffering that exists in this world, we are spurred to action. Our Christian hope encourages us to work and pray for the coming of God's kingdom on earth.

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:** Deut 30:19-20; Rom 5:3-5; Ps 27:13, 33:20-22, 42:5,11; Rom 4:18, 14:19, 8:24-25; Mt 6:10; Lk 11:2

### **COMING EVENTS!**

Sept 20th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning worship service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— <b>following service</b>	<b>Bazaar meeting, in the Parlour</b>
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
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 28th	— 7:30pm	Missions Committee meeting, in the Parlour
Sept 29th	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 30th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour

	— 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study, in Pastor Jonathan's Study (upstairs)
Oct 1st	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Oct 2nd	— 1:00pm	Community Outreach food bank, in the Hall
Oct 4th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning worship service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, 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.*