

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, September 27th 2015

This week, we wish Kerstin H. (10 years old today!) and Doug R. (49 years old on October 1st!) a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** We hope they both enjoy their special day!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Gary and Carolyn M. on October 2nd! Gary and Carolyn have been married for 33 wonderful years, and we wish them all the best!

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

Today, we will be conducting a **REVERSE OFFERING** in support of our Community Outreach food bank. When the plate is passed, please remove a slip of paper, on which will be noted an item required in order to stock our shelves. Please include this item in your weekly grocery shop and bring it in with you next Sunday. Together, we are making a difference!

On Sunday, October 4th, we will celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION** at our 10:00am 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 **tomorrow, Sept. 28th!** We look forward to hearing from you!

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.

"LITTLE HARMONIES" has started! "Little Harmonies" is our Junior Praise Team. This singing group is for children ages 3 – 10 years of age, and we practise each week, immediately following 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.

BAZAAR CRAFT TABLE: Please get out your knitting needles, crochet hooks, or other craft tools and help us to stock our Craft Table for Bazaar 2015! For further information, please speak with Harriet A.

If you are interested in helping out with **USHERING DUTIES**, please speak with Mark or Darlene C., who can be reached at (905) 668-4319. 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.

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 97: WHAT DO WE BELIEVE CONCERNING “THE LIFE EVERLASTING?”

ANSWER: To believe in Christ is to have eternal life here and now, a life that continues and is not ended by death. Jesus is the resurrection and the life; those who believe in Him, even though they die, will live.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Rom 6:23; 1 Jn 2:25; Jn 11:25-26; Dan 12:1-2; Mk 12:18-27; Jn 3:15, 16, 36, 6:40, 47, 54, 17:3; Titus 1:2, 3:7; 1Jn 5:11, 13, 20.

COMING EVENTS!

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 5th	— 7:30pm	Board of Managers meeting, in the Parlour
Oct 6th	— 1:00pm	Mat Making Club, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Oct 7th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	Session meeting, in the Parlour
	— cancelled	Men’s Bible Study
Oct 8th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, 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. You may email your review to me directly, at andrea.lechmeniuc@gmail.com