

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, October 11th 2015

We have a few people celebrating their birthdays this week!

- Jeremiah T. (turns 8 years old tomorrow, on October 12th!)
- Christine B. (turns 19 years old on Tuesday, October 13th!), and...
- Ann Mc. (who celebrates her birthday on Wednesday, October 14th!)

“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.

DUTY ELDER: 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.

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.

BAZAAR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED! Please bring any new or re-gifted items, or completed baskets, to the church for the Bazaar Silent Auction. Each Sunday, until the end of October, there will be a table set up in the church Hall to receive your items. We would also appreciate donations of gift certificates from local businesses. If you need a donation request letter from the church to a business, the church office can provide this. Thanks so much for your help! If you have any questions, please call Nancy C.

The **“NEW-TO-YOU” ROOM** is seeking your gently-used “little treasures,” such as glassware, dishes, knick-knacks, china, etc. If you have such items, or you have other items that may be of interest, please contact Rob K. FYI, any items not sold are donated to Value Village, so nothing is wasted!

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS AND HELPERS NEEDED! Hosting and helping with coffee hour is a great way to serve your fellow members and to meet people. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact John C.

FAMILY BREAKFAST on Saturday, October 17th, at 8:30am!

Rev. Issa S. will be our guest speaker, and he will be talking on the subject of *“The Persecuted Church in the Middle East.”* Please see the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table if you are interested in attending. For further information, please speak with David C.

We are elated to announce that Monica Mc’s **SERVICE of ORDINATION** will take place here, at St. Andrew’s Whitby, on Sunday October the 18th at 7:00pm. Monica’s Induction service will be the following Sunday, October the 25th, at 3:00pm, at St. Andrew’s in Scarborough. All are invited to come celebrate and worship with Monica and her family on these very special occasions.

BASEBALL NIGHT! Operating from the assumption that our beloved Blue Jays will make it to the second round of the playoffs, Paul S. would like to invite the men of St. A’s to his home, on Tuesday, October 20th for baseball fun and fellowship. This invitation is applicable ONLY IF it is an evening game. Details to follow as they become available! ***LET’S...PLAY...BALL!!!***

JOB OPPORTUNITY with PCC! If you are interested in a 12-month contract position with the PCC, as Program Coordinator with Presbyterian World Service & Development, please see the Job Description/Posting on the table in the Narthex. Applications must be submitted by Sunday, October 18th.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SUPPORT: Our next community Support drop-in is on October 16th. We need food and hygiene item donations of every kind. If you' would like to volunteer or have questions, please feel welcome to speak with Emily F., Sharon G., or Sheila S.

STAMPS and SOUP LABELS: Please continue to leave your postage stamps and Campbell's Soup labels in the box on the Narthex table. Stamps from any country are welcome, but please leave a 1/4" border around the edges of each stamp. Every now and then, the stamps are sent to the Canadian Bible Society, who sell the stamps to complement their work in the distribution of Bibles. The labels are taken care of by a local church and used for mission purposes.

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 99: IS THERE A HELL?

ANSWER: Just as the Bible gives many images of union with God, it gives a number of images of separation from God. Among these are Hades, Sheol and Gehenna. While heaven describes life in the presence of God, these describe the life which rejects God and therefore stands under God's fearful judgment. Hell is not primarily a place. It is a state of separation from God. Yet the Bible declares that, even in Sheol, we cannot escape God and that Christ proclaimed His redemptive work in the realm of the dead.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Mk 9:43; Mt 25: 41-42; Ps 139:7-8; 1 Pet 3:16-20; Ps 16:10; Mt 10:28, 23:33; Acts 2:27; Rom 10:7; Eph 4:9-10; Rev 1:17-18, 20:11-15

COMING EVENTS!

Oct 11th	— 10:00am	Thanksgiving Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Oct 12th	— all day	Church closed for Thanksgiving statutory holiday
Oct 13th	— 2:00pm	Women's Group meeting, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Oct 14th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Oct 15th	— CANCELLED	Praise Team practice
	— 7:00pm	Keith & Kristyn Getty concert, Calvary Baptist church, Oshawa
Oct 16th	— 1:00pm	Community Outreach food bank, in the Hall
Oct 17th	— 8:30am	Family Breakfast, guest speaker Issa Saliba, in the Hall
Oct 18th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— lunch meeting	"Strong Families/Children/Church" meeting, in the Hall
	— 4:00pm	Presbytery meeting, in the Hall
	— 7:00pm	Ordination service for Monica McClure, in the Sanctuary
Oct 20th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Oct 21st	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour

Oct 22nd	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Oct 25th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	“Little Harmonies” practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 3:00pm	Induction service—Monica McClure, St. Andrew’s Scarborough
Nov 7th	— 10:00am—2:00pm	BAZAAR 2015
Nov 15th	— 7:00pm	Fall Worship, in the Sanctuary

LIBRARY

YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT I JUST READ!

Your library team would like to elicit book reviews from you, our readers! These reviews will form one of our monthly themes in the new year. The reviews will be incorporated into an exciting upcoming winter library bulletin board. We look forward to hearing from you with books you have enjoyed reading. Your reviews may be submitted to (andrea.lechmeniuc@gmail.com).

LIBRARY WINTER BOOK CLUB

The St. Andrew’s library has an array of winter, Advent and Christmas themed books. We plan to host a launch in November and gather our readers for tea, sweets and book reviews in February. More details coming up!