

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2015**

Please join us in wishing Rowan W. a very **HAPPY 12<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY** today! We hope Rowan has a SPECTACULAR day!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** wishes go out this week to Steve & Joan M., who have been married for 29 years today, and also to Ron & Marjorie C., who will have been married for 53 years on October 6<sup>th</sup>!

The support shown by the prayers, cards and good wishes from our St. Andrew's family has been a great comfort to me, Jim and all of the McC. family. Along with the blessings of God, the skills of the surgeons and your love, I am beginning to regain new strength. I feel very blessed and I **THANK YOU** very much.  
— *Ann McC.*

Today, we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION** during our morning service: The Presbyterian Church in Canada practices an open and receptive table. Modelled after Jesus, we believe there is room for everyone at the Communion table. We believe it is the Lord's Table, not the elders', not the minister's, not the Presbyterian Church in Canada's, but our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ's, and He invites all who wish to partake. If you desire to partake of the Lord's Supper know that you are cordially invited to do so.

New **PRAYER CALENDARS for OCTOBER** are available on the table in the Narthex. Please take one and help our Sunday School children pray for each other and for each other's families.

**"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.

**FAMILY BREAKFAST** on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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 16<sup>th</sup>. We need food and hygiene item donations of every kind. If you' would like to volunteer or have questions, please feel

welcome to speak to Emily, Sharon, or Sheila.

**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 98: WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE?**

**ANSWER:** Heaven is pictured in the Bible in different ways: An eternal kingdom, the Father's house, a house with many rooms, a marriage feast, an unending day and the joy of God's presence. Our deepest delights here on earth are only a dim reflection of the fullness of life that awaits us.

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:** Jn 14:2-3; Mt 8:11; 1 Cor 2:9; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Isa 26:19; Dan 7:14; Mt 6:20; 2 Cor 5:1; Ph 3:20; Rev 4:1-2, 21-22

## **COMING EVENTS!**

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
Oct 8th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Oct 11th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Oct 12th	— <b>all day</b>	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	— <b>cancelled</b>	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

## **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](mailto: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!*