

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, September 11th 2016

This week, we celebrate a couple of **BIRTHDAYS!** Kathryn S. will turn 21 years old on September 16th, and Ellianna T. will turn 6 years old on September 17th! We wish both young ladies a wonderful and celebratory day!

We offer our sincere **CONDOLENCES** to Vicki S. and family on the loss of Vicki's stepmother, Yvonne, who passed away on Monday, following a long battle with illness. We keep Vicki's father, Raymond, and the Semotiuk family in our thoughts and prayers at this time of loss.

Families, please be aware that our **KidMin** (aka Kids' Ministry) Team has had a great summer holiday and we are ready to start up our fall programs. Sunday School for our Junior Class (ages 4 to 9) and Senior Class (ages 10+) starts today! We will need you to update and sign your children's KidMin registration forms for the year. **Also, KidMin teachers and helpers will have a brief meeting today, following the service, in the Sanctuary!** If you have any questions, please speak with Kate T. or Michelle W.

FLAG LESSONS! Please join us for another flag lesson today, in the church Hall! The lesson will start around 11:30am, following the morning church service and Little Harmonies practice. All are welcome! For more information, please speak with Sharon G.

The **DUTY ELDER** for today 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.

We have started using **PEC SYMBOLS** in our bulletin and on the EasyWorship slides. PEC stands for "picture exchange communication." This is a joint effort we've been working on for some time here at St. Andrew's, between our Growing Together family ministry team and our Inclusion ministry leaders. Many of the Children's Ministry kids will be familiar with these types of symbols, as we've been incorporating them into our worship space downstairs, or they have been using them in the Sanctuary for awhile now. These symbols are designed to give visual cues to some of our youngest congregation members, and to help those with pre-reading skills, to better enable them to follow, participate, understand and anticipate the elements of our service and the sequence of our worship time. It is our hope that using PECs will help make St. Andrew's an accessible, welcoming, accommodating and inclusive place to come together and worship as a church family for anyone (young or old) who would benefit from visual support in following the order of our worship service. — *Emily F.*

Please be aware that various church groups are **STARTING UP** this week for the 2016/2017 church season! The Board of Managers, Liturgical Dance, Tuesday evening Bible Study and Wednesday morning Bible Study all get going this week! Please take a look at the **COMING EVENTS** section of the announcements for specific details!

The Social Committee is in the process of planning another fun-filled **RALLY DAY**, complete with BBQ (hotdogs, hamburgers and corn!), and games for all! This event will be held on Sunday, September 18th (NOT September 11th!), immediately following the worship service. If you're able to attend, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

PRAISE TEAM practices have already begun...but you're not too late! "Make a joyful noise to the Lord!" Do you like to sing? Do you like to praise your God? Do you enjoy the fellowship of others? Then 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 practice on Thursday evenings, at 7:00pm! For further information, please 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 participate in our services in any of these ways, please contact Brian M. If you would like to develop your abilities in any one of these areas, talk to Brian! Support and encouragement are available!

REDORATED PARLOUR—BIG REVEAL!!! As many of you are aware, our St. Andrew's Decorating Committee has been working hard over the past few months to create a new and updated church Parlour! This is now a beautiful, new space, and we thank the ladies on this committee for their time, efforts and good taste! The "big reveal" will occur next Sunday, and we hope you will pop in for a viewing!

Please be aware of the new **PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH MINISTRY** being conducted for the GTA and Durham Region! This ministry will bring all youth and young adults under one roof to worship God together, and will build fellowship in a larger setting. The ministry will be called “*Arise*,” and it will be coordinated and overseen by Rev. Mona S. and the Amberlea Presbyterian Church, as well as the *Arise* ministry team, led by Hue F. and a group of amazing men and women of God outside of Amberlea. *Arise* will be structured like a regular church service, and we plan to launch on Sunday, September 25th, from 7:00-9:30pm — these services will be conducted every other week onward, on Sunday nights. Should you have further questions or require more information, please contact Hue Francis, at worshipatarise@gmail.com.

BAZAAR 2016—ODDS ‘n’ ENDS:

- Please check your garage to see if you have a **BAZAAR LAWN SIGN**, as there are a few of them missing. Please bring them in to the church so we can update them for this year’s bazaar date of November 5th. Thank you!
- Do you know someone who might be interested in renting a table to set up their own items to sell as an **OUTSIDE VENDOR AT OUR BAZAAR?** Please put them into contact with Heather in the church office, at (905) 668-4022.
- Kate is looking for a **VOLUNTEER** to manage the Silent Auction tables on the day of the Bazaar.

The church has **FOLDING LAWN CHAIRS** to sell. If interested, please speak with Kate T!

PRAYER CALENDARS for the months of September/October are now available! Please pick one up from the Narthex table and join us in praying for our Sunday School children and the St. Andrew’s church family!

SUMMER CHURCH FAMILY CHALLENGE! How are you doing at memorizing the Books of the Bible? Anytime in September, when you feel you are ready to recite the Books, in order, please find Kate and recite away in dance, song, or speech! There are prizes!!! Let’s see how many of us will say “challenge accepted,” and do a little memorizing together!

COMMUNION DATES for 2016:

Sunday, October 2nd; Sunday, November 6th; Sunday, December 4th

LIVING FAITH

In every generation, the church needs to confess its faith anew. That confession must, at one and the same time, be the ancient faith of the church and yet spoken into the mood and questions of its own time. “LIVING FAITH” endeavors to do that. This *Statement of Christian Belief* was prepared under the direction of the Committee on Church Doctrine of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It has been received by the General Assembly of the church and commended as an acceptable statement, and as useful in both worship and study.

CHAPTER 3.3.1, Jesus Christ: Truly Human

Jesus was truly human. Tried and tested, as we are, yet without sin, He experienced the depths of life. Jesus understands us. He felt the joy of friendship, the pain of rejection, and died a human death. He trusted the Father completely and lived in the Holy Spirit. Neither temptation nor threat prevented Him from loving God and his neighbour as Himself. He showed us what it means to be a child of God.

COMING EVENTS!

Sept 11th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— 11:30am	Flagging Lesson with Sharon Geigl, in the Hall
	— 11:30am	KidMin meeting, in the Sanctuary
Sept 12th	— 7:30pm	Board of Managers meeting, in the Parlour (2016/2017 start-up)
Sept 13th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary (2016/2017 start-up)
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour (2016/2017 start-up)
Sept 14th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour (2016/2017 start-up)
Sept 15th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary

Sept 16th	— 1:00pm	Community Outreach food bank, in the Hall
Sept 18th	— 10:00am	RALLY DAY! Sunday morning worship service, followed by BBQ!
Sept 19th	— 7:30pm	Mission Committee meeting, Thelma James' house, Whitby
Sept 20th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Sept 21st	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Sept 22nd	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 25th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:00pm	ARISE Youth Ministry, Amberlea Pres. Church, Pickering

LIBRARY

**Now that the
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

**has concluded, please remember to return your books
to the Library!**

