

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, September 18th 2016

We celebrate a few **BIRTHDAYS this week!** Ovan S. turns 7 years old today; Bev T. and Will G. both celebrate their birthdays on September 22nd; and Robyn S. turns 24 on September 24th!

We wish a very happy **36th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** to Geoff & Jackie N! All the best on this special occasion! May you enjoy many more happy years together!

ALL KIDS (JK through to university/college), please bring your **SCHOOL BACKPACK** to church next **Sunday, September 25th!** We will have a special backpack blessing during worship!

TODAY IS RALLY DAY!!! The Social Committee has “cooked up” a fun time for everyone, complete with BBQ (hotdogs, hamburgers and corn!) and games for all! Please join us this afternoon, **following the church service,** for some fun and fellowship, as we kick off the 2016/2017 church season! *The Social Club respectfully requests that everyone steer clear of the kitchen following the service today. While the offer to help is appreciated, the space in the kitchen is limited.*

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, effort and good taste! The “big reveal” is **TODAY,** and we hope you will pop in for a viewing!

The **DUTY ELDER** for **today** is David C! 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and NURSERY PROGRAMS have started! Kids in JK to grade 3 are welcome in our Junior Class, and kids in grades 4+ are welcome in our Senior Class! Parents, please drop by our KidMin table after worship today to complete or update your child’s registration form for this year. If you have any questions, please speak with Kate T. or Michelle W.

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.

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

AUDIO-VISUAL TEAM RECRUITS NEEDED! We have an extremely capable and dedicated team who run our projection and sound system each Sunday morning, and we need to add members to our team! Experience is not a requirement, as we can easily provide training. This is another way that one can serve the Lord on a Sunday morning! Please contact Brian M. if you have questions about this, or are interested in serving.

SCOTTISH DIASPORA TAPESTRY EXHIBITION: The Scarborough Exhibition of the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry will take place at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 115 St. Andrew’s Rd., Scarborough, from **Monday, September 19th to Saturday, October 1st!**

- Weekdays: 12:00noon-8:00pm
- Saturday, September 24th: 10:00am-6:00pm
- Sunday, September 25th: 2:00pm-6:00pm
- Saturday, October 1st: 10:00am-4:00pm

This exhibition is designed to involve communities around the world in celebration of Scottish heritage and culture, the people and places which connect Scotland to its global diaspora through an exhibition of 300 embroidered panels. See the brochures on the Narthex table for additional information, or access the website at

<http://www.scottishdiasporatapestry.org> .

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. 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, and using them in the Sanctuary. These symbols give visual cues to some of our youngest congregation members, and help those with pre-reading skills. 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. — *Emily F.*

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!

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.

COMMUNION DATES for 2016:

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

BAZAAR 2016—ODDS ‘n’ ENDS:

- Bazaar **TEAM MEETING** to be held in the Parlour after worship next Sunday, September 25th! Please come if you are interested in lending your talents and support, if you are able to volunteer on the day of the Bazaar (Nov. 5th), or if you are interested in coordinating a table. We have some organization things to confirm.
- 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!
- **GARAGE SALE ITEMS WANTED!** Remember our “New-to-You” room when you are doing your fall clean out at home or at the cottage. We would greatly love your gently used household items, books, toys, etc. We will not be accepting electronics or clothing. Your items can be brought in and labelled “for the Bazaar,” so they get to the right place. Thank you!
- Kate is looking for a **VOLUNTEER** to manage the Silent Auction tables on the day of the Bazaar.

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 3.4.1-3.4.2, Jesus Is Saviour

Jesus is the Mediator through Whom God has come to us, and through Whom we come to God. Christ died for our sins. The Innocent One bore our condemnation on the cross. He suffered and was put to death for the sin of the world.

COMING EVENTS!

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
	— after service	BAZAAR MEETING, in the Parlour
	— 7:00pm	ARISE Youth Ministry, Amberlea Pres. Church, Pickering
Sept 27th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Sept 28th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Sept 29th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 30th	— 1:00pm	Community Outreach food bank, in the Hall
Oct 2nd	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary

LIBRARY

Now that the
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
has concluded, please remember to return your books
to the Library!

