

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Today, we **WELCOME BACK Tim S.**, who will be filling in for Brian M. on the piano and organ! Tim always does a great job, and we are pleased to have him with us once again!

Please join us in offering **Bill B. & Elizabeth C.** our **CONGRATULATIONS** on the occasion of their marriage! Their wedding ceremony was held at St. Andrew's on Saturday, August 27th. We offer them our best wishes for continued happiness together.

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.

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.*

**PRAISE TEAM practices begin on Sept. 8th!** "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 **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.

**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. Support and encouragement are available!

**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!

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

**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!

Families, please be aware that our **KidMin** (aka Kid's 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+) will start on Sunday, September 11th! On this date, we will need you to update and sign your children's KidMin registration forms for the year. If you have any questions, please contact Kate T. or Michelle W

- 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!
- Cleaning out your garage or basement? Please remember that our **BAZAAR "NEW-TO-YOU" ROOM** is a great place to donate your 'once loved' items. We love donations of books, toys, household décor, housewares, etc., but will not be accepting electronics or clothing. Please be sure to label all donation boxes or bags, "for Bazaar." Thanks! If you have any questions, please speak with Kate T. or Rob K.
- 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.

**ROAD RECONSTRUCTION is here!** Durham Region is rebuilding Cochrane Street, from Dundas Street (Hwy. 2) to Ferguson Street. This work is scheduled to be completed by September 30th. At this time, the construction work has moved up the street, and the church is currently accessible from Dundas or Gifford Street, to the church driveway on the south side of the building. For further details, please pick up an information sheet from the table in the Narthex. We will update the congregation on any changes.

**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, 3.2.3-3.2.4: Jesus Christ: Truly God**

God's nature is expressed in Jesus, the very Word of God. Through Him were all things made. His life is the light of the world. Jesus Christ is Lord. He is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

## COMING EVENTS!

Sept 4th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Sept 5th	— all day	Labour Day statutory holiday (church office closed)
Sept 8th	— 7:00pm	<b>Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary (2016/2017 start-up)</b>
Sept 11th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— 11:30am	Flagging Lesson with Sharon Geigl, in the Hall
	— 11:30am	<b>KidMin meeting, in the Sanctuary</b>
Sept 12th	— 7:30pm	<b>Board of Managers meeting, in the Parlour</b>
Sept 13th	— 7:30pm	<b>Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour (2016/2017 start-up)</b>
Sept 14th	— 10:00am	<b>Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour (2016/2017 start-up)</b>
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	<b>RALLY DAY! Sunday morning worship service, followed by BBQ!</b>
Sept 19th	— 7:30pm	<b>Mission Committee meeting, Thelma James' house, Whitby</b>

## LIBRARY

# Now that the SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

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

