

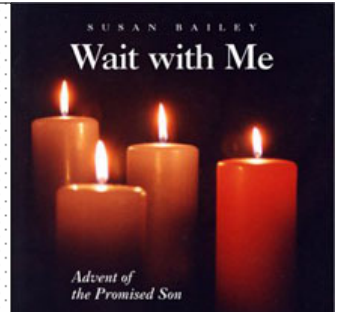


Catalyst

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"The people of St Andrew's are called by God to serve in faith, hope and love in the core of Toronto."

Advent / Christmas November 2007



"To be a catalyst"

Greetings!

First, I would like to offer a word of thanks for the warm welcome that you have extended to our family. Your grace and friendship have meant a lot to us as we begin this new chapter in our lives.

As I sat down to write my first article for the *Catalyst*, I found myself thinking about the name of this newsletter.

What is a 'catalyst'? In chemistry, a catalyst is a substance that precipitates a reaction or a change without, itself, undergoing permanent alteration. In a broader sense, a catalyst may be defined as something that causes transformation, but which is not consumed in the process.

In many ways, the Church is intended to be a catalyst. That is, we are called to be a stimulus for transformative change in our world without allowing ourselves to be consumed in the process.

For the past two thousand years, this 'catalytic calling' of the Church has been demonstrated repeatedly. Even in our own time, we are offered numerous examples of Christians whose presence has led to significant change. To cite only a few examples – Martin Luther King Jr., Desmond Tutu, Mother Theresa, Jean Vanier, Tommy Douglas, Jimmy Carter, and the communities with whom they worked, have all caused significant change in this world.

But what is interesting is that the essential message, which has motivated all of those different individuals, has remained the same. That message is that, in Jesus Christ, we are invited to be a part of a community in which God's justice, peace, holiness and compassion are revealed. The Gospel itself, therefore, is a catalyst – it is a message that leads to transformation without, itself, being consumed or permanently altered in the process.

It is interesting to ponder what it might mean to be catalysts as we move into the future. How will we engage the changing dynamics of our city and culture – in what some are designating a post-Christendom, post-colonial, post-modern future – in a way that will carry the ancient and eternal truths that we have inherited from our ancestors into those new contexts? One recent author has suggested that the church, in this new millennium, would be wise to seek an 'ancient future faith' – one that is open to the possibilities of the future while firmly grounded in the best of the past.

It fills me with wonder, with joy, and with hope to know that I am part of a living tradition that carries, through history, the message of God's reconciling love – a message that has the power to change the hearts, minds, communities and cultures of our world.

I look forward to working together, as a community, as we seek to be a true 'Catalyst' at the corner of King and Simcoe.

William Ingram,
Senior Minister



FROM THE DESK OF GEORGE C. VAIS

"Where is your church?"

A minister once was asked - "where is your Church?" The one enquiring expected to be given the name of the street and the number on the building. Instead, the minister said, lets see, it is now 10:00 o'clock on a Monday morning. Some are at home, others are at school, others are hard at work in hospitals, on assembly lines, in stores, in offices, in boardrooms, still others are making difficult decisions either for themselves or for others. This was his way of saying to the person who asked the question, the Church is not a building to which we go from time to time, but rather, as the hymn writer put it, "the Church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the Bible in gift and in deed." [Carol Rose Ikeler]

That's precisely the thrust of our Advent Wednesday Noon Sessions this year. Reminding us of the fact that after all is said and done, what counts most is our very presence in the world of our time. Elton Trueblood, a leading American writer of the last century, in his book, "**The Company of the Committed**" writes: "The Company of Jesus is not people streaming to a shrine; and it is not people making up an audience for a speaker; it is laborers engaged in the harvesting task of reaching their perplexed and seeking brothers and sisters with something so vital that, if it is received, it will change their lives.... Once

we have this understanding of what the general nature of the Church is, we need to be more specific in examining the concrete tasks to which the gathered workers are assigned." [p. 45]

We have invited three individuals to share from their own personal experience as to what it means to be "**A Christian Presence**" in their particular world.

Dr. Pam McCarroll, leader of Spiritual and Religious Care at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, will speak to us on the importance of being a presence in the darkness of human experience.

Ken Kim, Director, Presbyterian World Service & Development, PCIC, will underline for us the importance of our presence among the people of the developing countries.

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Walter McLean, former MP and Secretary of State, will remind us of how important it is to be a Christian Presence in the political process.

Let us take advantage of these noon sessions during this Advent Season, to discover how we can be a more effective presence in our world.

With great hopes!

George C. Vais,
Associate Minister for Adult Ministries

CATALYST

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BOARDING HOMES MINISTRY

By David Olenic

for Phyllis Matheson, Patricia Garnett-Smith,
Joan Charlton and Elisabeth Paradis

In God's eyes he was like a tender green shoot, sprouting from a root in dry and sterile ground. But in our eyes there was no attractiveness at all, nothing to make us want him. Isaiah 53 vs. 2

The Sunday morning Bible study is currently studying the Book of Acts, and we happened to compare Paul's travels to the parable of the farmer sowing seeds (Mark chap. 4). This led us to a discussion of some modern day seeds, and also what St. Andrew's is doing. It was natural for us to invite some speakers to come and talk about what they are doing through our Church to spread our Lord's word.

If you read the objective for which Boarding Homes Ministry was created "To nurture Christian Community among needy persons residing in rooming houses and boarding homes and to provide the people of these homes with pastoral care throughout Canada", and remembering that St. Andrew's has a team that makes boarding homes visits, an invitation to have a speaker from the Boarding Homes Ministry was, again, a natural choice.

On Sunday October 28, 2007, the Rev. Rodger Hunter came to St. Andrew's to talk to the Bible study group about the Boarding Homes Ministry. For those of you who do not know, Rodger is the Chaplain of the Ministry. He is an excellent speaker, as well as being a Minister in Association here at St. Andrew's. In his opening remarks he talked about the unlikeliness of the character of God, and we read a passage from "*Developing Small Group Community Ministries*", which goes like this "The God of healing dwells in arenas of affliction and laceration". So true!

We heard about the wonderful support that St. Andrew's Church gives to the ministry, which went to the heart of the Bible study discussion,

and we also heard about some of the residents within these homes. It is difficult to find a happy medium on that topic. There can be great sorrow and sadness such as the story of one man whose family made it clear that he was unwelcome at his own mother's funeral. Stories like these, and the way our society treats these people, make me think of Isaiah 53 vs. 2. Sadly, our society seems to have no room for these people. Yet, there are moments of joy, which can occur from Christian fellowship during a team visit. The boarding home teams do make a difference for these people, and as a team member, I can say they make a difference to us as well.

Our time quickly came to an end, and since the Sunday service was about to begin, it could not be extended. We thanked our guest, closed in prayer and went off to service. However, I believe the discussion we had helps us reflect on our studies of the Bible. If anyone is interested in the Sunday morning Bible study, we start at 9:30 a.m., and all are welcome. No one has all the answers, but reflecting on our Lord's words together in Christian fellowship helps us in our daily lives.

If you want to contact the Boarding Homes Ministry you can call Rodger Hunter at 416-992-4987, or email him at bhmin@sympatico.ca.



Tend my Lambs: found on the front of an old apartment building at Queen St. E. and Sherbourne St.

Photo: J. Neal



NEWS FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL

By Michelle Weir

Two months have already flown by since the start of the 2007/2008 Church School year. Our students have been engaged in a variety of activities.

The Church School has held two meet and greet events to welcome and meet our new minister. The Church School enjoyed a hearty and fun filled breakfast. The youth group enjoyed a fantastic pool party hosted by the Goodwins which was enjoyed by all. The youth group would like to extend a special thank you to the Goodwins for hosting this event. Another gathering is being arranged so keep your eyes and ears peeled.

Primary and Junior students have been learning about the Old Testament stories Noah's Ark, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca and the Well. The senior class has been learning about each Sunday's lectionary. The teen/youth group who meet every two weeks have been focusing on Bible and faith related issues and topics.

The Church School also wants to extend a big thank you to Brian Birdsell for his Remembrance Day talk in our assembly. It was a great learning experience. The students were also pleased to contribute to the Remembrance Day service by reciting the poem *In Flanders Fields*. They hope it was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The most anticipated St. Andrew's production is coming up soon. Our Church School **Christmas Pageant is on December 9th**, so mark your calendars.

There are only three more weeks until this great event. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in assisting this special event please contact Darlene Treen at 416-533-1301.

Are you interested in helping out in the nursery and/or Church School? We are pleased to announce that our Church School is growing. Due to our rapid growth we are in the need of more volunteers and teachers. A rotating schedule is being set up for teens and youth to help out. More help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to our two new helpers Stewart Moracen and Jocelyn Mills. If you are interested in volunteering or teaching please contact Mary Maiden at mmaiden@sympatico.ca or by phone at 416-425-0861.



Church School and Memorial Wreaths. Photo: J. Neal

ST ANDREW'S MEMBER AT VIMY MEMORIAL

By Darlene Treen

On April 9, 2007, Alice Treen, a 16 year old member of our own St. Andrew's congregation, joined over 4,000 high school students from across Canada to make a "pilgrimage" to Vimy, France. The occasion was to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and the rededication of the Vimy Memorial.

Along with 41 fellow grade 11 students from Ursula Franklin Academy, their journey began in Frankfurt, Germany, followed by London, England. There they toured, among other sights, the Cabinet War rooms and Imperial War museum. From London they traveled to the white cliffs of Dover, took a ferry to Calais, France and then on to Vimy. The trip centered around the history of the First and Second World Wars. Visiting graveyards, trenches and tunnels gave these students a powerful reminder of the terrible sacrifice of war.

The 90th Anniversary ceremony itself, on April 9th, was attended by Queen Elizabeth II, the Prime Ministers of Canada (Stephen Harper) and France (Dominique De Villepin), as well as numerous veterans. "The day was glorious!" said Alice Treen. "It was an honour to be present at such an important event. I felt so proud to be Canadian!"



THE VIEW FROM THE OFFICE

By Judy Neal

Change and Stability

With the recent arrival of our new Senior Minister, the Rev. Will Ingram, there's an exciting air of change and renewal here.

St. Andrew's has a long tradition of social action and change. Those who participated in the "survival" meeting held in 1969 have marveled at how well the plan they implemented under the guidance of Rev. Douglas Stewart has come to fruition. Although a dying church was revitalized, and we now have a dynamic Out of the Cold outreach program, there's a sense that once again we must make significant changes, that we can do much more than we are currently doing. Rev. Ingram has been with us for almost two months, and is showing signs that he will be exactly the dedicated, energetic and capable catalyst we need to guide us through the changes ahead.

On November 3rd, at our annual congregational retreat, Will led us in an inspiring day of review and planning, all designed to help us discern God's Will for "the church with a heart in the heart of Toronto".

He designed a day that enabled us to identify the activities and qualities that matter most to the people of St. Andrew's and the broader community we serve. In small, theme-based discussion groups and through individual feedback reports, everyone had opportunities to identify the events and aspects of life at St. Andrew's that have been the most meaningful for them, the features they most appreciate now, and their hopes and dreams for the future. And many of us are very passionate indeed about those hopes and dreams! Our dreams range from practical changes in how we do things, how we nurture our children and young people, how we go about growing our congregation, to dramatic changes in our social action and outreach activities.

Will has already started implementing changes in how we communicate with each other, a key

component necessary to facilitate the growth of our sense of fellowship. We have a new website that is attractive, easy to use, and comprehensive. We also now have a weekly email newsletter that celebrates events in the lives of our members and informs us of activities at the church. Those who attend the chancel communions at noon on Thursdays will notice that the simple act of introducing ourselves during the sharing of the Peace is creating a loving, cohesive bond among those who were previously strangers.

In the face of change, though, we still need stability—an anchor in stormy seas. We need a minister who can nurture our faith with passionate, thought-provoking, scripture-based sermons embedded in worship services designed to enhance reflection and the connection with Christ and our God that our souls hunger for. We need a pastor with compassionate counselling skills to minister to our spiritual wounds. We need a guide with good administrative skills.

In the Rev. Will Ingram we have a remarkable young man who provides that stability by continuing our long 'history of excellence' with preaching that stimulates our intellectual and spiritual curiosity, and with loving pastoral care, perceptive insight, gentle guidance and an irrepressible sense of humour. And he likes to get things done! After all, "where there's a Will, there's a Way". (Sorry about that!)

*I follow Thee also
with joy to be near Thee
in trouble and strife,
Thou light of my life.
Ah speed Thou my way;
and say me not "nay",
but let me be near Thee,
to solace and cheer Thee.*

- J. S. Bach,
St. John Passion

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

On Sunday, September 16, 2007, St. Andrew's Church welcomed four new members. We are pleased to introduce them to you here.

Herbert Zhang and Ariel Liang



By David Olenic

St. Andrew's is very pleased to welcome newlyweds Herbert Zhang and Ariel Liang as new members to our church.

Herbert is originally from Shanghai, and has been in Toronto six years. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and now works for Standard & Poor's as a senior credit rating assistant.

Ariel has been in Toronto three years. She is also a graduate of the University of Toronto and works for the Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan as a senior derivative analyst. She's originally from a small city (the hometown of Chairman Mao) in mainland China.

They love reading, hiking, music, movies, fine dining, and all the fun stuff in life. They are attracted to St. Andrews with its history, location, and the bringing of downtown people together.

A warm welcome, Ariel and Herbert!

Margaret Hardy



By Susan Goodwin

Margaret Hardy came to St. Andrew's approximately two years ago when her late husband, David was in Princess Margaret Hospital. As she said, "It just felt right" so she stayed. She likes the philosophy, the preaching and the music and found Dr. Brett to be very welcoming.

Margaret is originally from Montreal where she obtained her RN designation and subsequently her nursing degree from McGill University. She moved with her family to Toronto in 1984. As a Public Health Nurse in Sexual Health Promotion with the City of Toronto, she has worked on the AIDS Hotline as well as counselling youth on sexual health in a clinical practice setting. As a sexual health educator, she works in schools and the community with students, teachers and parents.

Her younger daughter, Caroline, is presently at the University of Ottawa finishing a degree in English and linguistics. Her elder daughter, Katherine has followed in her footsteps and is nursing at the Hospital for Sick Children after recently completing her degree in nursing at the University of Toronto.

Margaret's hobbies include theatre, concerts, walking and reading. Welcome Margaret!

Judy Neal



By Nora Lever

Most of us know Judy well, and are so grateful to her for her enthusiastic participation in the life of St. Andrew's community since her arrival at the office about a year ago. We remember her "View from the Office" in the last issue of the *Catalyst*, where she noted her pleasure in getting to know the wonderful people of St. Andrew's. "I delight at how warmly you welcome all newcomers," she said.

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WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We met Judy again in the new weekly St. Andrew's email and, of course, we enjoy each week the results of her diligence in preparing our weekly bulletins.

Judy joined the church on September 16th. I felt it was time to sit down with this delightful woman and to know her better yet. Here is some of what I discovered over a recent lunch.

Before arriving in Toronto in December, 2001, Judy lived in Waterloo and St. George. She has an Honours B.A. from the University of Windsor and a Master's degree in Psychology from the University of Waterloo. I couldn't possibly type

out the title of her thesis; it sounded like a foreign language to me.

Judy's training enabled her to fill such positions as Behavioural Therapist and manager in a residential agency for children with severe developmental disabilities in Brantford, and as Coordinator of a Residential Placement Advisory Committee in Waterloo--an advocate for children in the care of Children's Aid Societies. As we talked further, I found that Judy has even had years of experience in bookkeeping and income tax preparation. Most recently, before her arrival at St. Andrew's, she was the Executive Assistant to the Presi-

dent of a family-owned real estate agency in Harbourfront.

Judy recently learned that her son, David Washburn, and daughter-in-law, Suzanne Dicerni, are being transferred to London, U.K., in January, 2008. She's determined to consider it a wonderful opportunity, and looks forward to many visits with them in their new home. She also plans to increase her volunteer work.

All of us welcome Judy to the fellowship and worship at St. Andrew's Church and look forward to a long and rewarding association with her.

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The annual stewardship campaign of St. Andrew's Church will take place during the month of January, 2008. The Board of Managers is designating January 27, 2008 for Consecration Sunday. Please mark your calendars and watch for more information about the campaign which will be provided prior to its commencement.

By John Matheson, Board of Managers

FROM THE TREASURER

About a year ago the Board of Managers set up the Pre-Authorized Remittance Plan, also known as PAR, for the convenience of those members who want to ensure regular payments of church contributions through pre-authorized withdrawals from their bank accounts. This plan so far has worked well for those involved, and participation is growing. If you think you want to make use of this convenient way to contribute, please contact me or our Church Manager, Doug Pearson, to get started.

By Marc Buist

NEWS FROM OUT OF THE COLD



By Stevie Cameron

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BEGINS 16th SEASON OF OUT OF THE COLD

The 16th season opened on Monday, November 5 and about 85 guests – it's always a small group the first night - were served a delicious meal of roasted tomato soup, chicken pot pie with mashed sweet and regular potatoes, salad and apple crisp with ice cream.

Volunteers were on hand in the Boutique to help distribute an excellent selection of clothing that came in from a Don Mills condominium that runs a big clothing drive every year for OOTC. Carol and David Wishart and Darlene and Peter Treen filled a van and two cars with all the bags gathered by the residents; later Darlene, Barb Sargent, Anne Roberts and Karen Baptista sorted it. This wonderful assortment, along with the always-popular socks brought in for our recent Sock Sunday at church, were very much appreciated by the guests.

'A MOVEABLE FEAST'

A group of young women working in film and television, the law and in the performing arts has organized an amazing evening to support the Out of the Cold programme of St. Andrew's Church. It will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2007 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Ritchie's Auction House at 380 King St. East (King and Parliament).

The event will feature winter-warming cocktails, food from the city's top gastronomes, music, entertainment and an imaginative silent auction spilling over with just-in-time-for-Christmas items. Liza Fromer, who hosted the morning show for CityTV and now has a new show called The List, will be the host for the event. All proceeds will go to buy food for the Out of the Cold programme at St. Andrew's.

Tickets will be priced at \$60 and will be available shortly.

For more information, email: amoveablefeast08@gmail.com

MEALS TO GO

This programme provides meals for those who are temporarily unable to cook for themselves. Meals are prepared in St. Andrew's kitchen, packaged and frozen ready to be delivered during a visit by a minister or friend.

The coordinator of Meals to Go this year will be Susan Reid, a manager for Toronto Social Services who worked in the Out of the Cold programme last winter. If you enjoy cooking and would like to help with this important programme, please contact her at e-mail: smr2307@rogers.com



Catherine Shim, Susan Shim, Bill To and Jocelyn Mills peel vegetables for dinner.



Mel Kestenberg, Leanne Mantha and Mike Robillard preparing the main dishes.



Out of the Cold Coordinator Stevie Cameron surrounded by the November 5th volunteer team.



Bill To and David Alderson hard at work preparing vegetables.

Photos by:
 Centre: Tom Kovats
 Bottom right:
 Stevie Cameron
 Others: Judy Neal



Heritage Squash donated to OOTC by Susan and Nino of Cinnamon Orchards.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH LIBRARY

By Elisabeth Paradis

One of the discussions at the recent congregational retreat was about the opportunities we each have to strengthen our faith. We do so by going to church and participating in communal worship, joining Bible study groups and attending supper seminars. Another way to grow in faith is to read a good book, pass it on to someone else to read and then discuss it together.

The church library has many books which will provide you with much food for thought. Recent acquisitions include:

The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why it Matters, by Luke Timothy Johnson

- An exploration of the Nicene Creed and its relevance to the 21st century.

Calvinism in the Las Vegas Airport: Making Connections in Today's World, by Richard J. Mouw

- A look at Calvinism in the 21st century and how contemporary Calvinists live.

Two books appropriate for the Christmas season are:

Home for Christmas: Stories for Young and Old, compiled by Miriam LeBlanc

- Classic Christmas stories by authors such as Pearl S. Buck, Madeline L'Engle, Henry van Dyke.

Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas, by Plough Publishing House

- Forty essays and poems as Advent meditations.



The church library is located in the boardroom across from the church office. Please browse through the books there as often as you like. To sign out a book, simply remove the card from the pocket in the back cover, write your name and telephone number on it and leave it in the box on the top shelf.

WEEKLY UPDATES

ST. ANDREW'S LAUNCHES WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

On Wednesday, October 10, 2007, a new communication from St. Andrew's Church was initiated. The purpose of this weekly newsletter is to publicize upcoming activities and advise the congregation of events which occur during the week between Sunday services.

The newsletter is sent by email. If you would like to receive it and are not yet on the list, please let Judy Neal in the office know. Also if you have any ideas for items you would like included, or events which have come to your attention, please call Will or Judy, or email us at info@standrewstoronto.org.

TRANSITIONS

Congratulations to **Donald Guthrie**, who has been appointed University Counsel Emeritus by the University of Toronto, a title never before given to anyone by the university. President David Naylor said that this is a fitting designation for one who has given uniformly high counsel over four decades. He went on to say that his opinions have been thoughtful, fair and balanced between transparency and discretion. As Donald himself said: "I like to provide the university with both suspenders and a belt."

Several members of St. Andrew's Church are volunteering their time and talents to Evangel Hall. **Lori Ransom** is on the Board of Evangel Hall and **Nancy Mathewson** and **Allison Singer** work with the Women's Group.

Douglas Bodle, at a reception on Sunday, September 23, 2007 honouring his long service to St. Andrew's Church, was designated **Director of Music Emeritus** of St. Andrew's Church. In addition, the Council of the Honourable Company of Organists, at its meeting on June 9, 2007, conferred upon Douglas the **Honourary Fellowship** of the company. See pictures on the "Recent St. Andrew's Events" insert.

Lisa Jeffrey and **Radford Neal** are the proud parents of **Eleanor Claire Neal** born Oct. 1/07.

Alison Rose is coordinating the Out of the Cold Programme of the Law Society of Upper Canada, which provides dinners for homeless people three nights a week. This programme started in 1998 and, like St. Andrew's, is run by volunteers.

WEEKLY EVENTS

There are two Bible Study groups which meet weekly and would welcome new members who may wish to participate.

The **Wednesday morning** group meets at **7:30 a.m.** starting with muffins and coffee. Currently they are studying the Gospel of John. The **Sunday morning** group meets on Sundays at **9:30 a.m.**, and is currently studying the Acts of the Apostles. It is not necessary to be a Biblical scholar to participate and sharing ideas helps everyone to better understand what the Bible is telling us.

Every **Thursday** from **12:15 to 12:45 p.m.** Holy Communion is celebrated in the chancel. If you can find time from your busy day, come and be refreshed at our intimate communion service.

MILEPOSTS

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church offers condolences to Joan Charlton, elder of St. Andrew's, on the death of her mother-in-law, Isabel Leask Charlton, and to Maggie Keith on the loss of her partner, Robert Stacey.

NOVEMBER FORUM

Parish Nursing will be the theme of a Sunday Forum on **November 25, 2007** in the boardroom in St. Andrew's Centre following the morning worship service.

The speaker will be Ruth Ann Fraser, Parish Nurse at Bayview Glen Church, and the title of her presentation is *Parish Nursing: Promoting Congregational Health, Healing and Wholeness at the Grass Roots Level.*

In addition to working as a Parish Nurse, Ruth Ann is a member of the board of the InterChurch Health Ministries. We look forward to a very interesting and informative session.

WEDDINGS

There have been four weddings at St. Andrew's Church recently:

- **Nicole Chau** married **Sunu Thomas** on September 8th
- **Michelle Lee** married **Jaret Gracey** on September 22nd
- **Grace Ann Uy** married **Scott Scobie** on October 13th
- **Sharleen Willie** married **Regan Baptiste** on October 27th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Session Meeting | Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. | Boardroom (refreshments, 6:30 pm) |
| SAGA Meeting | Friday, November 23, 7:30 to 9 p.m. | Great Hall (pot luck supper 6 pm) |
| Sunday Worship Service Sunday Forum: Parish Nursing | Sunday November 25 at 10:30 a.m. At Noon hour | Church Sanctuary Boardroom - see article page 11 |
| Board of Managers | Wednesday, November 28 at 6 p.m. | Boardroom |
| First Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion - Lighting the Candle of Hope | Sunday, December 2, 10:30 a.m. | Church Sanctuary |
| Advent Meditation Service - Speaker: Dr. Pam McCarroll | Wednesday, December 5 at 12 noon | Church Sanctuary (see brochure enclosed) |
| Second Sunday of Advent - Lighting the Candle of Peace and Church School Christmas Pageant | Sunday, December 9, 10:30 a.m. | Church Sanctuary |
| Advent Meditation Service - Speaker: Ken Kim | Wednesday, December 12 at 12 noon | Church Sanctuary (see brochure enclosed) |
| SAGA Christmas Party | Friday, December 14, 6:00 p.m. | Great Hall |
| Third Sunday of Advent - Lighting the Candle of Joy | Sunday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m. | Church Sanctuary |
| A Service of Lessons and Carols | Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 p.m. | Church Sanctuary |
| Advent Meditation Service - Speaker: Hon. Rev. Dr. Walter McLean | Wednesday, December 19 at 12 noon | Church Sanctuary (see brochure enclosed) |
| The Rugby Choir Carol Concert | Friday, December 21st 8:00 p.m. | Church Sanctuary |
| Fourth Sunday in Advent - Lighting the Candle of Love | Sunday, December 23, 10:30 a.m. | Church Sanctuary |
| Christmas Eve Candlelight Services - Lighting the Christ Candle | Monday, December 24 at 6:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. | Church Sanctuary |
| Morning Worship | Sunday, December 30 at 10:30 a.m. | Church Sanctuary |
| First Sunday after Christmas-Epiphany | Sunday, January 6, 2008, 10:30 a.m. | Church Sanctuary Pot Luck Lunch 12 noon-Great Hall |
| Session Meeting | Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. | Boardroom (refreshments 6:30 pm) |
| SAGA | Friday, January 25, 7:30 to 9 p.m. | Great Hall (pot luck supper 6 p.m.) |
| Morning Worship, Consecration Sunday, Catalyst Deadline for Lent/Easter issue | Sunday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m. | Church Sanctuary Judy Neal, Church office, or Pat Reynolds |
| Board of Managers | Wednesday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m. | Boardroom |
| Mission Sunday and Holy Communion | Sunday, February 3 at 10:30 a.m. | Church Sanctuary |

Advance Notice: Annual Congregational Meeting - February 24, 2008

St. Andrew's 178th Anniversary Week-end - March 1 & 2, 2008

Spring Supper Seminars - watch for details in the Lent/Easter issue of Catalyst

Moderator's Visit to St. Andrew's - Sunday, March 30, 2008