

CATALYST

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St. Andrew's Church

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



To See the Face of God



As many of you know, I had the opportunity to spend just over a week in Bangkok, Thailand at the end of March. The reason for the trip was an invitation to participate in a global ecumenical forum which sought to raise awareness about the plight of the dalit people, and to call the wider church to a greater degree of solidarity and commitment to the task of seeking justice for the dalit people in caste-affected societies, including India. The gathering brought people together from almost every continent, and from a wide range of theological and denominational backgrounds.

At the heart of the Hindu caste system is the assumption – rooted in a combination of cultural, religious, political, economic and historical ideas – that people are not born equal. The four overarching caste categories are the Brahmans (priestly class); the Kshatriyas (rulers and warrior class); the Vaishyas (merchant and trading class); and the Shudras (labourer class). These four castes are rooted in certain religious scriptures, which suggest that the Brahmans emerged from the head of the supreme god; the Kshatriyas from the shoulders; the Vaishyas from the thighs; and the Shudras from the feet. Those who are 'outside' of the caste system are considered to be untouchable, polluted (and polluting to those within the caste system), and often relegated to the most despised tasks in society. Like the other levels in the caste system, dalit people can do nothing to change their status. Even though the Constitution of India prohibits caste-based discrimination, there is a great deal of evidence that abuses of dalit people continue, sometimes with relatively little sanction towards those who perpetuate such offenses.

At the core of dalit theology (which is an emerging theological perspective which seeks to undertake the task

of Christian theology from a dalit perspective) is an emphasis on the biblical claim that all are created in the image of God, and that every person is a beloved child of God. Moreover, there is an added dimension to this call to equality for those of the Christian faith, which claims that all divisions of race, gender, social status and economic ability are washed away in the waters of baptism (as in Galatians 3:28).

Even though caste-based discrimination presents a blatant example of such discriminatory practices and perspectives, it would be naïve for us to assume that our own culture is free of such prejudices.

Rather than point the finger at others, therefore, it is good for us to ponder whether we truly seek to 'see' the image of God in everyone that we meet. Do we have a different – and perhaps less explicit – form of 'caste' in our own culture? Do we treat those with whom we disagree with respect and dignity, in light of the fact that they are children of God? Do we have the eyes to 'see' God's image in a person who is somehow different from us – in skin colour, sexual orientation, economic status, theological convictions, and ethnic background? Do we ponder how God's image is to be glimpsed in the face of a disabled person, or an Alzheimer's patient, or a person with severe mental health issues, or a person lost in a haze of serious addiction? And do we ponder how others might be able to glimpse the image of God in us?

As with all matters of a spiritual nature, the point is not to find easy answers to such questions, but rather to allow those questions to motivate us to progress further on the journey towards a different way of seeing, and a different way of 'being' in the world. May we all, therefore, be given the eyes to see every person with whom we interact as a sacred being created in the image of God – and may they see the same in us...

How We Got Here

by George C. Vais, Associate Minister for Adult Ministries



In my entire ministry, I served congregations which were surrounded by single family dwellings and an increasing number of apartments. Back in the sixties, I recall being on a task force to come up with ways of reaching out to apartment dwellers. How does one begin to do ministry at St. Andrew's within a stone's throw of Roy Thompson Hall, the CN Tower, the Air Canada Centre, the Rogers Centre, and surrounded by high business towers, hotels, hundreds of restaurants, theatres, and an ever increasing number of condominiums? This was my question when I began with my responsibilities as an associate minister in charge of adult ministries at St. Andrew's.

I was grateful to Eric Reynolds, a former clerk of session at St. Andrew's, and one who knew the congregation well, for making himself available to me during those initial stages of my ministry. In addition to my frequent chats with Eric, I recall one afternoon, he and I walked the blocks south of King Street, from Yonge Street to Spadina Avenue in order to get a first hand knowledge of the area.

The next thing we did was to select groups of individuals from the congregation with whom I met over a period of several weeks. We would ask each group such questions as – *What is it that you want to see done in the area of adult education? What are some of your expectations? What are some of your concerns? What are some possibilities for ministry that need to be explored and how do we go about it? When is a good time to schedule such events?*

In case we overlooked people that had specific ideas to offer, we invited people to meet following worship on Sunday, November 15, 1998. The purpose of this gathering was to share information on plans in the making; and to receive further input on how to go about developing relevant and meaningful educational programs and activities for adults at St. Andrew's. We found these gatherings extremely helpful in the planning of future events and the timing of them.

For the past eleven years, I have appreciated the co-operation I received from both senior ministers. I am indebted to Lenore Goodwin, and the members of the Christian Education Committee for their input and invaluable assistance in the carrying out of the various programs. The support of the Session and the Board of Management went a long way in the shaping and funding of these programs. Last but not least, I valued the presence, the prayers, the participation and the response of our congregation.

"People are committed to plans they help make. Yet this frequently is overlooked by both clergy and lay leadership. So, the first principle of good planning is to involve those affected by the plan in the process." [Marlene Wilson]

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Doors Open 2009



On Saturday, May 23rd St. Andrew's will be joining many Toronto churches and historic buildings in the 10th annual *Doors Open Toronto* program, a City of Toronto initiative. This is a great opportunity for all of us to show our awe-inspiring sanctuary to many who have never been through our doors before. The coordinator of our participation in *Doors Open Toronto* is David Wishart.

A team of volunteers will be at the door and throughout the sanctuary to welcome the many expected visitors and to respond to their questions as they walk around our sanctuary using our self-guided tour pamphlet.

There's still time to volunteer to be one of our guides! If you can spare the time to participate for one or more shifts, please contact Judy Neal in the church office. New members are especially encouraged to participate. As we have a number of visitors who are not fluent in English, bilingual/multilingual volunteers are particularly welcome. There will be a meeting of volunteers on Sunday, May 17th after the morning worship service to review in detail who does what at Doors Open.

Please join us as we welcome a large number of guests and visitors to our beautiful church.

Boarding Homes Ministry

Moments of Love and Togetherness

By Patricia Garnett-Smith

Having spent nine years in a boarding school, hating every minute, not able to leave or do any of the things I would have liked, I was always aware that, some day, I would escape, never to return.

The residents of the Boarding Home that we visit don't have this option. Most are aware that they will remain in one Boarding Home or another for the rest of their lives. They can't leave, they are living with the same people most of the time--not necessarily with people they like or with whom they have anything in common. Yes, they are free to go out but many lack money and they are not always treated well by store owners or neighbours who know where they live. Then there are the medications they have to take with the side effects--no choice there either.

Yet, despite all these drawbacks, there is always a welcome, feelings of hope and love, camaraderie, sharing, joking, warm encounters and sharing of love when we visit. It never fails that residents will ask about a volunteer if they haven't been able to come and will send their best wishes. We always leave with the invitation to return and the residents saying how much they enjoy our visits. We are the ones who benefit from knowing these residents and I am sure all the volunteers in any of the boarding homes will agree that these evenings are magical and keep us returning to share in the love of God and to give our humble thanks for the opportunity.



The View from Here

From time to time certain members of our church community will be invited to share their thoughts and perspectives on some dimension of their involvement at St. Andrew's Church. This month the editors asked Karen Ingram to share some reflections on her role as our minister's spouse.



For those of you who don't know me well, let me introduce myself. My name is Karen Ingram. I have been happily married for almost 16 years now and have three children, Kate, Madeline and Spencer. I spent just under 10 years working for the Toronto District School Board with mentally and physically challenged children until I turned my focus to the full time care of our own children. I grew up in a Presbyterian Church in Toronto, went to Victoria College at the University of Toronto, and continued my active participation in church life as "the wife of the minister" (perhaps you know him). All of this sounds rather ordinary -- and yet my life so far has been anything but ordinary.

The most common question that I seem to encounter is, "how do you like being the wife of a minister?" I am always curious as to what prompts this question. Is it that people don't meet that many ministers' spouses? What is the common understanding of the life of a minister and their family? It seems, sometimes, as if the general perception is that life with someone who is a servant of the church comes with much trial and tribulation. This notion may be fueled by the recent trend, within some publications, to suggest that church life is all doom and gloom. I can honestly say that my experience has been quite the opposite. I count it as one of the great blessings in my life that I am married to a minister.

Obviously our family is impacted by our unique position within a congregation. Long and often late days for Will, reduced family time and interrupted vacation time are only a few of the demands on a minister. But the positive benefits of life in a congregation eclipse the seemingly negative ones. For example, we have the great privilege of joining with families in their joy and sorrow. We regularly meet and develop friendships with interesting people from varied life experiences. Our children have friends that span the age spectrum. We witness the goodness of people as they respond to God's love in their lives and we, as a family, enjoy great care and concern from the members of the congregation. These are but a few of the wonderful benefits we receive because we are the minister's family. (Will regularly tries to convince me that I have the best life.....it's actually true and I wouldn't trade it for anything, but don't tell him...).

Let me conclude by answering the question, "how do you like being a minister's wife?" I love it and thank God for this wonderful gift. God bless you,

Karen

Church School Superintendent Needed



Due to other responsibilities, Mary Maiden will be stepping down as the Church School Superintendent as of September 1, 2009. If you have an interest in taking on this rewarding task please talk to Mary for more information.

A Session Minute

by Lori Ransom, Clerk of Session

In the Presbyterian tradition, the meeting of the ruling and teaching elders -- who together form the 'Session'-- is a closed meeting; that is, in order to safeguard the confidentiality of issues that might be discussed, the meetings of Session are not open to non-elders in the congregation. However, much of what is discussed at Session meetings is not of a confidential nature. The following is a short summary of an important issue the Session has been considering in its recent meetings.



On Sunday, May 24, 2009 the congregation will meet for the very important purpose of electing new Elders. The Presbyterian system of church governance places significant emphasis on engaging lay members in decision making. Lay leadership is one of the hallmarks of our tradition. As the Session seeks to implement its new ministry structure, it will be all the more important that St. Andrew's encourage gifted members to take on the role of ruling elder. *Through the office of ruling elder men and women are ordained to share with the minister in the leadership, pastoral care, and oversight of the congregation.* (Living Faith 7.2.4)

Elders are assigned pastoral districts to help deepen personal connections between members of our faith community. We Presbyterians tend to think of the elder as the provider of pastoral support to members of their districts. However, we know that relationships are always mutually nurturing. And so it seems particularly appropriate at this time to remember how those in leadership positions in congregations also need and rely on the active support and encouragement of all members. This will be particularly true of those who are elected as ruling elders on May 24th. It will be a new and meaningful lifetime call for them, a call from God, through the congregation, to service in Christ's Church. They will value our prayers, our advice, and our keen interest in and support for the work they do at St. Andrew's.

St. Andrew's practices term eldership which gives ruling elders the opportunity to pursue the time-honoured practice of Sabbath: space to seek renewal of energy and time for reflection on where the Holy Spirit is leading them next. We are grateful to five long-serving elders who have discerned that it is time, at least for now, to move away from active service on the Session. They are Herbin Barrington, Maureen Farr, Richard Isaac, Phyllis Matheson and Betsy Nieuwland. We thank them and wish them every blessing, grateful that we will continue to enjoy their presence and participation in St. Andrew's community of faith.





Welcome
Our New
Members

On Sunday, February 22, 2009, St. Andrew's welcomed twelve people to membership in the church.

We are pleased to introduce six of them here.

More of these new members will be introduced in the next issue.

CATHERINE LIU

by Cynthia Humphries



Catherine Liu advises that she was suffering from "church-phobia" for years even when she knew that God wanted her to go to church for many reasons. She undertook a tedious "church-hunting" expedition and had almost given up when one day, she woke up and decided to travel outside of her comfort zone to seek the "right church". She Googled "Toronto Churches" - "Historical" + "Presbyterian" + "in the midst of the Financial District" + "nearest to the GO Station" and found St. Andrew's Church. Catherine attended Sunday morning service and was surprised that for the first time in 3 years she heard a church sermon that did not drive her away! She just kept coming back, and has been attending regularly for a year. She has attended the Wine, Cheese & Jesus group for the first time, and plans to continue.

Catherine earned her Honours BA degree specializing in Information Technology & Management at the University of Toronto. She is currently responsible for key business & partner development initiatives at ExperiencePoint Inc, which is a Canadian software company that develops "business games" for leadership development programs all over the world. Catherine helps clients find their strengths and passion, and focuses them towards a strategic purpose in their career paths.

Catherine gives of her time as a volunteer coach for start-up businesses & aspiring entrepreneurs. Her other interests include food, photography, snow boarding and traveling around the world.

We welcome Catherine to the St. Andrew's Church family.

FRASER LANG AND JULIE MARTIN

by Jane Martin



Fraser Lang and Julie Martin wanted to find a church in Toronto for their wedding. The first church that they visited was St. Andrew's, where they found friendly people and warm support from Will Ingram and the congregation. Fraser and Julie happily decided that they did not have to search further for a suitable church, and they were married in our sanctuary. Later, they decided to deepen their involvement by becoming members.

Fraser is in the minority of the city's population as a native of Toronto, while Julie is originally from London, Ontario. Fraser has a degree in Psychology from the University of Alberta, and is responsible for sales at a company that is located in the financial district and provides pension management services for small businesses and self-employed professionals. Julie is the recreation supervisor for a retirement residence in west end Toronto. Both love to travel, and Fraser's hobbies include music, while Julie is active in volunteer work. We welcome them to St. Andrew's.

PAMELA LEITCH AND DARYN SALO

by John Darling



Pamela and Daryn were recently married here at St. Andrew's. They decided to attend St. Andrew's Church because they felt that it would enrich their relationship and offer them a sense of belonging to a church community. Pamela and Daryn have found that setting aside time during the week to attend Sunday worship has added a positive dimension to their partnership. They say that Reverend Ingram's sermons give them something to ponder during the following week.

Pamela and Daryn's families are actively involved in their respective religious communities. Daryn's mother is an associate sister at St. John the Divine Anglican Church in Sudbury. Pamela's family is filled with altar boys/girls, who serve in the Catholic community in Barrie. Pamela and Daryn have spent many hours doing volunteer work. Pamela has focused on coaching youth basketball while Daryn has worked at local Toronto shelters and at the Northern Cancer Care Centre in the greater Sudbury area.

Pamela has received an Honours Bachelor of Kinesiology and a Teaching Degree from Lakehead University. Daryn graduated with an Honours Degree in Psychology from Laurentian University. In their spare time, Pamela and Daryn enjoy an active and healthy lifestyle. They enjoy traveling up Highway 400 to spend time with their families.

Welcome to St. Andrew's, Pamela and Daryn.

NOEL RAMSEY

by Brian Birdsell



Noel Ramsey volunteered Monday nights at the "Out of the Cold Program" at St. Andrew's Church, and then began coming to the Wednesday morning Bible studies. Shortly after, he started attending Sunday morning services because he really liked the Church's environment. Noel appreciates the "completeness" found at the Church: the Bible studies are fantastic, the sermons are thought-provoking and the choir is amazing. Noel is also very happy that St. Andrew's Church is very active in its outreach programs. Lastly, he loves the sense of community, love, and friendship that exists among the members of the congregation.

Noel recently became a member of St. Andrew's Church because of the support that it provides to those in need, and the level of spiritual care that the Church provides to all Disciples of Christ. In addition to "Out of the Cold", Noel attends Wednesday morning Bible study. He would like to volunteer with the Boarding Homes Ministry in the future.

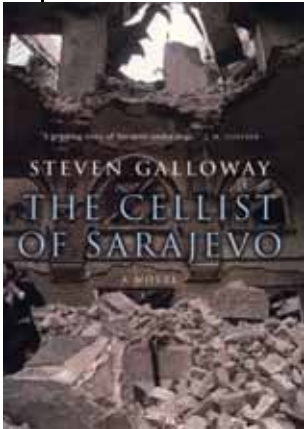
Noel is a student at York University, where he is completing an honours degree majoring in History and Religious Studies. He is focusing on biblical studies and the history of the early church. Noel is very busy because he works part time and studies year round. Since Noel enjoys swimming and biking, and he is happily employed at a triathlon store called Endurosport in the Leaside area. He also enjoys reading books and listening to audio tapes about Christian spirituality in his spare time.

Noel lives with his parents and two younger sisters. He is delighted to report that he loves his family dearly, and that in September 2007, he became engaged to the woman of his dreams, Doris Andrade.

We welcome Noel to the St. Andrew's Church family.

St. Andrew's Book Club

by Nancy Mathewson



The Cellist of Sarajevo, by Steven Galloway, was this month's book club choice. It is a story based on the siege of Sarajevo that went on for four years in the mid-1990's.

In war-torn Sarajevo people still try to go about a somewhat normal life while the snipers in the hills track them with gunfire. The snipers are never identified except by the term 'the men in the hills'. One particular day, many of them went out to buy bread. Shells exploded in the midst of them, killing 22 people and wounding many more. To commemorate their deaths, a cellist decides to go out to sit in the crater to play Albinoni's *Adagio*.

Arrow is a sharp-shooter who has been pulled into the defense of the city, against her will. She has been given the job of protecting the cellist because her superior is convinced that the snipers on the hills will try to kill him. We don't know Arrow's real name. She hates what has happened to her and hates that the men in the hills have taught her to hate.

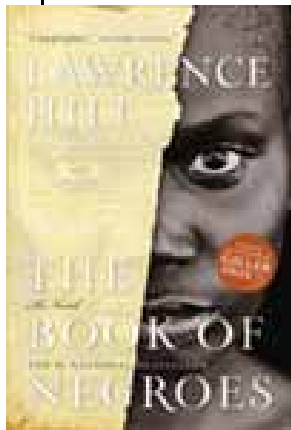
Kenan is a family man. His struggle is a necessary one: he has to walk across the city with his water jugs to get fresh water for his family. When the siege began, he offered to get water for his neighbor, Mrs. Ristovski. She refuses to use water bottles with handles that would make his job much easier.

Dragan is a baker. He knows that if he can get to the bakery he can get bread for his family. However, the danger of crossing streets and bridges makes the effort extremely hazardous.

None of these three know each other or the cellist, but all are affected by what he is doing. The neighborhood comes to watch and listen and bring flowers. The cellist does not acknowledge them; he plays and then goes back inside.

Our discussion was quite lively, relating to the characters and trying to understand them. None of us could really relate to what it was like to live in a city that was continually shelled every day for four years. None of the characters left Sarajevo, feeling that they would have no claim to help rebuild the city if they did.

At the end, *Arrow* listens to the music for the last time. "They (the notes) told her that everything had happened exactly as she knew it had, and that nothing could be done about it. No grief or rage or noble act could undo it. But it could all have been stopped. It was possible. The men on the hills didn't have to be murderers. The men in the city didn't have to lower themselves to fight their attackers. She didn't have to be filled with hatred. The music demanded that she remember this, that she know to a certainty that the world still held the capacity for goodness. The notes were proof of that."



The next meeting of the Book Club is on Thursday, June 25th at 7:00 P.M. The selected novel is *The Book of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Praise for *The Book of Negroes*:

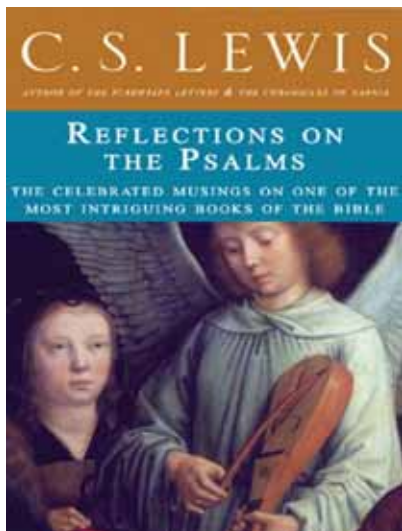
"You feel you are turning the pages of history, the pages of truth."—Austin Clarke, prize-winning author of *The Polished Hoe* and *More*.

Library Update

By Olive Anstice



Several books by C.S. Lewis have recently been added to our church library. Each is well worth reading although I am only going to comment on his *Reflections on the Psalms*.



Lewis states that he is writing as an amateur sharing the difficulties he met and the insights he gained as he read the Psalms. He comments that they are replete with “parallelism”: the practice of saying the same thing twice in different words which is a “pure example of ALL PATTERNS AND THEREFORE ALL ART” and a characteristic which does not disappear in translation.

Lewis begins by addressing difficult concepts in the Psalms:

- A. judgment of God and how this is regularly portrayed as a cause for rejoicing
- B. the frequent undisguised cursings which cannot be ignored
- C. death.

In all of these Lewis has unique perceptive insights. He then turns to “better things”:

- A. “an appetite for God” i.e. the same delight that had made David dance
- B. the Psalmists’ delight in the Law of the Lord.

In further discussion Lewis shares insightful thoughts about the prohibition against associating with the wicked; the approach to Nature as rooted in God as Creator; and the repeated call to praise.

In the final chapters he considers second meanings in the light of later events and in the Psalms themselves, and he discusses them in the wider context of Scripture.

The book concludes with a list of all the Psalms to which he has earlier referred.

I highly recommend this book. It illumines Lewis’ thinking and has deepened my own. It reflects the thinking of Lewis’ maturity and can help us appreciate the richness of the Psalms both in their brighter but also their darker passages.

The chancel at St. Andrew's is just over 100 years old. Here is a brief summary of the fascinating events that took place in 1907, culminating in the dedication of the chancel and Casavant organ.



A Chancel for St. Andrew's

by Judy Neal, with excerpts from

The Book of St. Andrew's:

A short history of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Toronto

by The Rev. Stuart C. Parker, D.D., 1930

Chapter VII of *The Book of St. Andrew's* opens with the significant understatement that: "With the coming of the Rev. Thomas Crawford Brown, M.A., there commenced a new period of expansion in St. Andrew's." The Rev. Mr. Brown led the congregation in the development of many clubs, Bible classes, a Kindergarten, and innumerable educational and fellowship activities. Dr. Parker reported that "the impression to be gathered is that of a congregation setting out to do all possible to fight the difficulties of its 'downtown' situation and to keep hold upon its young people....and, in general, the atmosphere of the congregation is one of hope and zeal."

But the young minister firmly believed that the existing church building was inadequate and inappropriate. On page 84, Dr. Parker notes:

"On September 17, 1906 he 'expressed himself strongly' in favour of selling the land upon which the present Church building and Manse are erected...and of re-building in some other part of the city. The Session agreed with him entirely. But on the matter being placed before a joint meeting of Session and Managers in December, the removal of the Church was rejected in favour of the proposal,--favoured by Mr. Brown, whose tastes had been formed by his cathedral experience in Edinburgh,--to remodel the interior of the Church so as to provide a chancel and a central aisle. The Congregational Meeting, held in January, 1907, approved of the suggestions--that the structural changes should be made, these involving the provision of a new organ, and other improvements....

This decision reached, the congregation settled down to its task. Financially, conditions were favourable. Indeed, throughout the years of Mr. Brown's ministry 'money difficulties' were at a minimum....The congregation may almost be said to have been ready, therefore, for some new effort. The Board of Management...set to work vigorously to finance the operations, "Major Michie" being singled out in the Report for 1907 for special thanks on account of "his personal efforts in obtaining subscriptions to the reconstruction fund". The result was that, in accordance with plans prepared by Mr. S. G. Curry as architect, the work was completed in time for a re-opening on 1st December, 1907.

The operations had involved considerable dislocation of the Church services....But at last the work was finished. It had cost upwards of 34,000 dollars, a third of the amount being for the new organ built in the chancel by the Casavant brothers.

Sunday, 1st December, 1907, saw the re-opening services....The celebration was extended also to the following Sunday....Associated with the event was the dedication of the Memorial Windows to the late Rev. D. J. Macdonnell and his wife.

Session reported to the January, 1908 Annual Meeting that:

"What has been done meets, practically without exception, the heartiest approval of every member and adherent of the Church. The large increase in the attendance at the services, morning and evening, is evidence that the changes and the services are more attractive, and that the purpose behind our policy is being fulfilled...We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Langmuir, Chairman of the Joint Committee, and his colleagues for the despatch with which they carried out the work that the congregation entrusted to them, and which has made St. Andrew's Church one of the most beautiful and attractive Presbyterian Churches in Canada."

Time elapsed from the Joint Meeting of Session and Managers in December, 1906 to the dedication of the new chancel and organ in December, 1907: 12 months. Despatch indeed!

Transitions

New Members

On February 22, 2009 we welcomed the following people into the membership of the St. Andrew's Church community:

Paul Cantlie
Levi Chikwendu
Don Durno
Julie Gavin and Fraser Lang
Pamela Leitch and Daryn Salo
Catherine Liu
Deborah Loo
Noel Ramsey
Andrea and Gordon Webster

Baptisms

Weifang "Catherine" Liu was baptized on Sunday, February 22, 2009.

Lily Monaghan, daughter of Jillian and Mark Monaghan was baptized on Sunday, May 3, 2009.

Marriages

Pamela Leitch and Daryn Salo were married on April 4, 2009

Deaths

Lloyd Tucker, husband of Pat, died on January 4, 2009.

Jack Reynolds, husband of Beverley, died on March 18, 2009.



Remembering Jack Reynolds

by Jane Martin with the assistance of Eric Reynolds



St. Paul said of the disciple, Peter, "on this Rock, I will build my Church." Throughout my experience at St. Andrew's, Jack Reynolds has been one of those rocks or pillars, who have supported the continuation and flourishing of this congregation. Jack's background prepared him for this role, since his father was a Presbyterian minister. Jack served as an elder continuously from the 1960s until his recent death. He attended his last Session meeting on January 27, 2009.

Jack was a gifted musician, who used this talent as a church organist, accompanist and pianist for the Sunday School during the children's worship service and during practice for the Christmas Pageants. Jack was instrumental in putting together the proposal that brought the Wilhelm organ to St. Andrew's Church in the early 1980s. Unlike many congregations, which have had to replace a worn out organ with an inferior, electronic organ, the people of St. Andrew's are blessed to have one of the best organs in the City of Toronto as a result of the efforts and foresight of Jack and others who worked toward this goal. Jack also was actively involved during the transition of the Director of Music position from Douglas Bodle to Dan Bickle.

My family has many wonderful memories of Jack and his wife, Beverley, hosting the Sunday School picnics at their home, where they graciously allowed us all to swim in their pool and change our wet children in their house, while Jack stood patiently cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone in a very large crowd. Jack and Beverley truly know the meaning of hospitality and many of us were the fortunate recipients.

Jack was born in 1933, and graduated in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1958. He married Beverley Morton in 1960, and they raised three children. Dr. Reynolds was a very respected rheumatologist at Toronto Western Hospital, who specialized in fibromyalgia. He was also an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Medicine. He supervised the studies of many interns and residents at the hospital. Dr. Reynolds was still practising when he became ill early in 2009. After a period of struggle he died at Sunnybrook Hospital on March 18, 2009. In addition to his wife and children, he leaves four grandchildren and his brother, Eric. Anyone who knew Jack will dearly miss him.

Calendar of Events

Sunday Bible Study Group	Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.	Board Room
Sunday Worship Service	Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.	Church Sanctuary
Wednesday Bible Study Group	Every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.	Board Room
Noontime Chancel Communion	Every Thursday from 12:15-12:45 p.m.	Chancel
<i>Doors Open</i> Volunteer Orientation	Sunday, May 17 after worship service.	Church Sanctuary
Wine, Cheeses and Jesus	Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.	St. Andrew's Centre, 2 nd Floor Meeting Room
SAGA Meeting	Friday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.	Great Hall (pot luck dinner at 6 p.m.)
<i>Doors Open</i>	Saturday, May 23 from 10:00 - 5:00	Sanctuary & 48th Highlanders Museum
Reception of New Members Election of Elders Nightingale Tea	Sunday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m. Following the service Bide-a-Wee following the service	Church Sanctuary Great Hall Great Hall
Board of Managers Meeting	Wednesday, May 27 at 6 p.m.	Board Room
Session Meeting	Tuesday, Jun 9 at 7:00 p.m.	Board Room
Wine, Cheeses and Jesus	Thursday, Jun 18 at 7:00 p.m.	St. Andrew's Centre, 2 nd Floor Meeting Room
Board of Managers Meeting	Wednesday, Jun 24 at 6 p.m.	Board Room
Book Club Meeting <i>The Book Of Negroes</i> by Lawrence Hill	Thursday, Jun 25 at 7 p.m.	Board Room
SAGA Meeting	Friday, Jun 26 at 7:30 p.m.	Great Hall (pot luck dinner at 6 p.m.)
Wine, Cheeses and Jesus	Thursday, Jul 16 at 7:00 p.m.	St. Andrew's Centre, 2 nd Floor Meeting Room
SAGA Meeting	Saturday, Jul 25 at 7:30 p.m.	Great Hall (pot luck dinner at 6 p.m.)
SAGA Meeting	Saturday, Aug 22 at 7:30 p.m.	Great Hall (pot luck dinner at 6 p.m.)
Catalyst deadline	Sunday, Sep 6 at 10:30 a.m.	E-mail or mail box
Wine, Cheeses and Jesus	Thursday, Sep 17 at 7:00 p.m.	St. Andrew's Centre, 2 nd Floor Meeting Room

