



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.

What Do You Pray For?



Prayer is an almost universal human activity. Whether we readily admit it or not, all of us pray. For some, prayer is a highly ritualized and structured discipline – a prayer before eating, a prayer before bed, perhaps a time of prayer at a certain time of the day or the week. For others, prayers are more spontaneous, and offered as an almost flowing conversation with God. For still others, prayer is an overly 'religious' word for the ways that humans meditate upon, and express, our deepest human longings and aspirations. For most of us, prayer is some combination of these various activities.

But regardless of how we pray, what do we pray for?

There are two ways to understand this question. On the one hand, it can be read as a question about the substance of our prayers – that is, what are the specific matters that we find ourselves praying about? And, on the other hand, it can be a question of the reason for our prayers – that is, what purpose do we believe is being served by praying? Both offer intriguing opportunities for spiritual self-reflection.

In relation to what we pray about, there are many questions that we might ponder about the substance of our prayers. What do we pray about, for example, in relation to our own lives? Do we pray for success in some endeavour, for direction in some part of life, for healing and strength in times of struggle and temptation, or for peace in the midst of the daily swirls of modern existence? Do we pray for meaning, for wisdom, for understanding?

What do we pray about for others? Are our prayers for others focused on those in times of need or difficulty? Or do our prayers include times of simple gratitude for the presence and the joy that specific individuals bring to our lives?

Do we pray for the church? So often, we can tend to forget to pray for the church – for peace and unity within it; for adequate resources of time, money, volunteers and energy to accomplish our shared ministries; for the courage to stand as a community of faith, hope and love in a world where those qualities sometimes seem lacking; for its ministers and elders (and yes, we do need your prayers!); for its youngest children and its oldest members. To pray for the church is one of the greatest ways of serving the church – and everyone can do it.

Do we pray for the world? Do we take the time to pray for people in places of conflict and violence, and for specific situations where God's reign of love seems like an idle and futile fantasy? Do we pray for the leaders of the nations as Paul commends in Romans 13? Do we pray for an increase in human wisdom and a deepened commitment to care for the planet? The world needs our prayers.

And this is only the beginning of the list of what we might pray for. But the second way that the question is read is also worthy of reflection – that is, what purpose does prayer fulfill? What is accomplished through prayer? What good does it do?

These are not easy questions to answer. Some suggest that prayer changes God's mind; others suggest that prayer primarily changes our minds; still others suggest that prayer changes reality and the outcomes of certain events. Each of these responses contains profound truth and paradoxical dilemmas. In fact, there are as many dilemmas about prayer as there are theories about what and why we do it.

In any case, prayer is an indispensable pillar of the faithful life; and the Bible not only commends us to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5: 17), but offers us a rich treasure of resources to help us to deepen, guide and enrich our prayers.

So what do you pray for?



To Whom it May Concern: "Thank you!"

This is my first opportunity to say a sincere thank you to someone at St. Andrew's for his/her kind and generous action. This person, who prefers to remain anonymous, made a substantial donation the interest of which is to fund educational programs for adults.

Needless to say, I was thrilled when I was informed of this thoughtful gesture a year ago, and was certainly humbled to learn that this fund was to carry my name.

A series of guidelines for this fund were approved by Session at its regular meeting last June. [Presbyterians are known for doing things "decently and in order" which always takes time.] Among other stipulations, it is the donor's hope that others be encouraged to make contributions to this fund to support existing and future ministries among adults.

I have reasons to believe that this anonymous donor represents many others in the congregation who value

the various educational offerings initiated during the past eleven years. It's always good to know ministries are appreciated and supported by people's prayers, participation, and financial contributions.

Even though I feel grateful and encouraged by this generous single action, I would be remiss if I did not also express my thanks to all those in our congregation who contribute regularly towards St. Andrew's annual budget, part of which is directed to support the adult programs.

Thank you "one" and "all" for your investments to make possible present and future ministries in and through St. Andrew's Church.

Gratefully yours!

George C. Vais,
Associate Minister for Adult Ministries

Welcome to Stephen Mutavdzija



During the worship service on September 20th we welcomed Stephen Mutavdzija, who will be sharing in the life and ministry of St. Andrew's over the coming year while he completes his Theological Field Education placement. An important part of a student's seminary training is a placement with a congregation -- during which they are invited to participate in the leadership of worship, learn more about pastoral care, and explore other dimensions of congregational ministry.

Stephen is a student in his second year of study at Knox College. Prior to coming to Knox, he spent much of his time leading small groups in youth and young adult ministries. He has a background in computer science and philosophy, and in his spare time enjoys playing sports and listening to live jazz. Stephen shares that he is excited to be here and looks forward to participating in our community life.

Welcome, Stephen!

CATALYST

Catalyst is published four times annually for members and friends of St. Andrew's Church. The next issue is the Advent/Christmas issue and the deadline for submitting articles is Sunday, November 1, 2009. If possible, articles should be submitted by email to both editors in Microsoft Word format.

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Ordination and Induction of Elders

On Sunday October 4, 2009, we will be celebrating an important event in the life and history of St. Andrew's Church. During the morning worship service, we will be ordaining and inducting a number of new elders into the Session of St. Andrew's Church. In the Presbyterian tradition, the elders are entrusted with the responsibilities for leadership, service and care in the life and ministry of the congregation. The elders who will be inducted on October 4 were elected by a congregational vote in June – and are Irene Faiz, Graeme Hepburn, Gordon Hunt, Maggie Kong, Sally Martin, Nancy Mathewson and Lee Stratton

Please make a special effort to join with us for this important moment in the life of our community of faith.



100 Voices Sing!

Burlington Welsh Male Choir

and Special Guests

The Boston Saengerfest Men's Chorus

A concert of Traditional Welsh Male Choral Singing

- continued from Carnegie Hall, New York -

In support of the St. Andrew's Church
"Out of the Cold" program

Saturday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church

Tickets \$20.00 - available at the door
or online at www.standrewstoronto.org

Announcing a very special

Sunday Forum

October 25, 2009 - at Noon

"I'm Still Here"

'An innovative and powerful play about loss and the quality of life experienced by people with Alzheimer's Disease and their families.'

Performed by the actors of
Act II Studios

this play is designed to help others understand the experience of living with and caring for those with dementia, and by so doing, diminish unnecessary suffering, especially suffering arising from misunderstanding and stigma.

Based on research into Alzheimer's Disease and dementia done at Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre, and at the School of Nursing at York University, you will hear in the play the actual words from research participants as they described their experiences.

Please plan to join us at this very special Sunday Forum!

Church School and Nursery Volunteers Needed!!!



The summer has passed and the church school/nursery Fall term commenced on Sunday, September 13th. We are very short of volunteers for both the church school and the nursery programs and are seeking help in both areas. Your assistance on a rotational basis would be most appreciated.

Please contact either Betsy Nieuwland (betsy@lawrye.ca) for more information regarding the church school or Barbara Sargent (basarge@rogers.com) if you have interest in the nursery program.

The Call to Worship

by the Rev. Will Ingram

As many of you have noticed over the summer months, there has been a slight change to the opening part of our weekly Sunday morning worship services.

Previously, the congregation had remained seated during the entry of the Bible, and then stood up when the choir began the 'Gathering Hymn'. Following that hymn, we would join together in our 'Opening Responses'.

Recently, the congregation has been invited to stand when the Bible is brought into the sanctuary and then to remain standing for a 'Call to Worship' before the opening hymn begins.

Why this change?

The way that we worship (what is sometimes called the 'liturgy') says a lot about our understanding of faith, of spirituality and of our relationship with God. To stand as the Bible is carried into the sanctuary serves as a sign of our respect for the Word of God; and as a reminder of the centrality of the Scripture in our life, our worship and our spirituality. And then, before we sing, or pray or respond, the 'Call to Worship' reflects the fact that it is God who 'calls' us into worship – and, in fact, into every part of our life and faith. It is God who takes the initiative.

This is a particularly important insight of Christian spirituality to remember, these days. In many new forms of worship, there is a tendency to place a great deal of emphasis on the worshippers' role in creating the atmosphere, the enthusiasm and the 'feeling' for worship. Prolonged times of singing and of enthusiastically – and sometimes emotionally -- calling out to God in praise and in prayer serve as the opening parts of the worship services. Such liturgies seem to suggest that the relationship between God and the worshippers is created at the initiative of the worshippers.

To place a 'Call to Worship' as the first act in the liturgy helps to remind us, instead, that it is God who reaches out to us, who seeks us, who calls to us – before we can respond.



Jazz Vespers Service

In the ancient traditions of the church – and particularly the monastic traditions – each day was marked by the offering of prayers at certain times of the day. The evening prayers were called “vespers” and marked the setting of the sun and the conclusion of the day’s work.

The musical genre called ‘Jazz’ emerged in the twentieth century from a wonderful combination of different styles of music, including the blues, swing, military marches, and improvisational styles. As such, jazz weaves creative dimensions into a structured and rhythmic form of musical expression.

Many people have reflected on the parallels that exist between jazz and prayer – that is, there are prayers which offer us a highly structured and ritualized form of reflection and meditation, but which call for us to weave our own creative reflections and experiences into this form of spiritual expression. This interweaving of prayer and jazz offers us a wonderful opportunity to explore the relationship between creativity and structure within the context of Christian spirituality.

We are looking forward to the first “Jazz Vespers” service at St. Andrew’s which will be held on Sunday October 18 at 4:30 pm. The service will include participation from a number of individuals, including Jordan Klapman. As this is a worship service, there is no cost for participation, but an offering will be taken to support a designated dimension of the life and work of St. Andrew’s.

Please plan to be here – and bring your friends!



St. Andrew’s Church 175th Anniversary Bursary

The St. Andrew’s Church 175th Anniversary Bursary is available in each year to a student or students enrolled in or embarking on a full-time or part-time course of post-secondary education at a recognized college, community college, university or trade school. The total amount of the bursary is \$1,000 which may be allocated to one student or divided equally among two or more. The Bursary may not be awarded in any year, at the discretion of the committee. Please refer to the Bursary Terms of Reference for a complete list of the criteria that will be considered and a description of the selection procedure.

If you are interested in applying for the bursary, please contact Judy Neal at the church office for the application and terms of reference. The deadline for applications is November 23, 2009.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

by Olive Anstice on behalf of the participants

On Sunday September 13th the weekly Bible Study recommenced at 9:30 AM in the Board Room.

Last year we read Romans. In Romans 15:4 the apostle Paul said:

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.”

Taking this to heart, in the coming year we have resolved to focus on the Old Testament: Before Christmas—the Book of Ruth. After Christmas—the Book of Isaiah.

Why not join us as we seek to grow in knowledge and fellowship?



Welcome
Our New
Members

*St. Andrew's has welcomed many people
to membership in the church this year.
We are pleased to introduce two more of them here.
More new members will be introduced in the next issue.*

GORDON AND ANDREA WEBSTER

by Nora Lever



Gordon and Andrea joined the church in February, 2009 after being married here in May, 2008. They have settled in the Queen's Quay area and are pleased to be able to walk the short distance to St. Andrew's Church. They are hoping to take part in activities such as *Out of the Cold* in the future as they become more settled into the Toronto routine.

Meanwhile, however, both are very busy. Before their son, Elliot, was born in May, 2009, Andrea was working at the corporate headquarters of Maple Leaf Foods at Yonge and St. Clair, while Gordon's work is closer to home at HSBC, York and Wellington. They share an interest in athletic activities such as running and hiking. Thoughts of travel can light up their eyes as well.

Gordon is the grandson of long-time member, Sheila McGillivray. Andrea and Gordon's son was born just days before their grandmother's 101st birthday. Sheila is so pleased! How many members of our congregation -- over 100 years old -- are able to look fondly on and enjoy such an event!

Welcome, Gordon and Andrea!

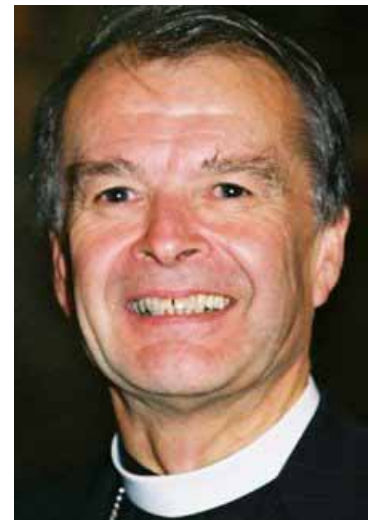
On the weekend of March 6 -7, 2010

St. Andrew's Church will celebrate its 180th anniversary.

**A banquet will be held on the evening of March 6th
at the Delta Chelsea Hotel at Yonge and Gerrard Streets.**

Further details will follow.

**Our Anniversary speaker will be
the Rev. Dr. Cameron Brett,
who will speak at the banquet
and will deliver the Anniversary Sermon on Sunday.**



Please plan to celebrate with us.

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.

The Session's last meeting prior to the summer break took place in June. We were pleased to invite the newly elected members of Session (Irene Faiz, Graeme Hepburn, Gordon Hunt, Maggie Kong, Sally Martin, Nancy Mathewson and Lee Stratton) to "sit and correspond" as officially they have not yet been inducted into the Session. The service of ordination and induction for them will occur on Sunday, October 4, 2009.

The last few Session meetings have featured initial progress reports from the new Session ministries that replaced the former committees of the previous Session structure. The new Ministry of Worship, led by John Darling, has been very active in reviewing its mandate and considering new projects. It is working with representatives of the Board and the Communications Ministry to consider how to make the narthex—that critical first point of entry into our church—a more inviting space, through better display of materials and information. The Ministry of Worship also supported this July's special concert by St. Giles Cathedral Choir from Edinburgh, Scotland, and is working with our Director of Music, Dan Bickle, and Rev. Ingram to try out some special evening Jazz Vespers services this Fall. A long-term goal of the Ministry is to acquire a grand piano to facilitate a greater variety of services and concerts.

The Ministry of Education, led by Mary Maiden, is launching another Fall season of programming with the return of regular Church School classes this month. We look forward to the Supper Seminar series to be led by Imam Michael Taylor on the subject of *Islam and Present Day Considerations*, and hope to see many people out at the Fall Retreat on Saturday, November 7th which will be led by The Rev. Dr. Clyde Ervine of Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton.

Over a dozen people took time out in mid-August to attend an open-invitation event arranged by the Ministry of Communications to talk about how to improve the ways and means by which we communicate the life and work of our community of faith both within the community and to the wider community. Peter Price led a wide-ranging discussion out of which a number of follow-up items emerged, which will assist the new Ministry to develop a plan of action.

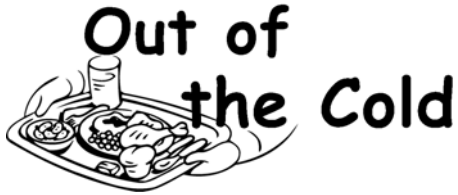
Eric Reynolds continues to work diligently as convener of the Ministry of Congregational Life to ensure we keep on top of the comings and goings of people in our community. His ministry reviewed and updated the congregational roll recently and supports Rev. Ingram in the process of welcoming new members to St. Andrew's, including the seven individuals who were received into the congregation in May 2009. Eric's committee also has responsibility for the Health Cabinet. We were sorry to accept the resignation of the Parish Nurse, Maureen McNeish, in June. Maureen's support to the Session in ministering to individuals and their families at times of ill health and other difficulties will be missed. The Health Cabinet continues to be active, even as the Session reviews future staffing plans. The Health Cabinet has been concerned to ensure St. Andrew's is prepared in the event of a pandemic and is developing contingency plans. It has also led us to change some of our communion practices to reduce the risk of disease transmission in a year in which H1N1 influenza has become of global concern.

Sandy Aird leads the Personnel Relations Ministry, which has responsibility for reviewing staffing matters and personnel policy matters. The Ministry is also developing plans to help members who wish to participate more actively as volunteers in the life of the congregation. Tools to support this include the development of skills and interests inventories and a photo directory.

Finally, we are just delighted to be welcoming Mr. Steve Mutavdzija to St. Andrew's this Fall. Steve is pursuing studies towards the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Knox College, and will be conducting his Theological Field Education placement at our church.

The Session met on September 15, 2009; the next meeting will be on November 17, 2009.

Monday night dinners start on November 2nd



An organizational meeting for volunteers and coordinators will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22nd in the Great Hall. New volunteers are also welcome!

“Sock Sunday” will be held on November 1st. You are invited to donate badly needed winter socks. (Collection baskets will be available at Coffee Hour.)



Library Update

by Olive Anstice

Calvinism in the Las Vegas Airport: Making Connections in Today's World by Richard J. Mouw is a short book of 127 pages that is written in an easy, conversational style but still “packs a punch” as they say. The author is the President of Fuller Seminary. He was previously at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, for 17 years.



From within a Reformed and Evangelical position the author repeatedly challenges us to try to put ourselves into the shoes of the enquirer—whether they be a prostitute or a self-satisfied smug person—to explain our Calvinist doctrines with such simplicity, gentleness and respect, that they might be encouraged to respond positively to the Christian message.

Helpfully, he elucidates the content of five major Calvinist doctrines (sometimes referred to by the acronym TULIP) and demonstrates in his approach how we can seek “to win hearts for Jesus by love.”

He emphasizes the sovereignty of God throughout; that the faith has mysteries beyond our grasp; and that we are asked only to be faithful where God has placed us and to the opportunities He gives. Mouw is not afraid to share his own failures and he also freely admits his personal debt to Christians from traditions other than Calvinist. “Salvation is of the Lord” he reminds us, and he says that “he would prefer a theological humility that is coupled with a genuine desire to learn from others.” I personally found the book helpful and I think that it would be relevant preparatory reading for those who hope to attend the Congregational Retreat in November.



Rediscovering Calvin

by Marc Buist

Several members of our congregation attended the *Rediscovering Calvin* Program at Emmanuel and Knox Colleges June 18-20, 2009. From the conference it became clear that this Reformer remains a figure of considerable interest for university teachers and researchers. The conference was well attended by people of various denominations from all over the country and abroad. The choice of speakers was excellent and it was remarkable how we could discuss with each other our views and learn from each other.

Our minister, Will Ingram, presented a paper on the *Old First Church and the Multi-Ethnic City*. Several of our members attended this workshop and he told us facts about Calvin we had not heard before.

The celebration of Reformed Praise was beautiful and much appreciated. It was good to be there; we learned a lot.



News from Knox College

by Nancy Mathewson



Classes at Knox have begun and there are many things happening.

Beginning October 5th there will be a mini-lecture series titled *Spirituality and Violence*, to be led by The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Athanasiadis, who is the pastor of Leaside Presbyterian Church. This series is given through the Ewart Center for Lay Education. Contact Susan Sheridan, email knox.ewart@utoronto.ca; phone 416-946-8536.

On October 14th the *Charles H. MacDonald Memorial Lectureship* will be given. Lori Ransom will be the guest lecturer and the title is *Healing and Reconciliation with Aboriginal Peoples*.

The *Chris Vais Memorial Lectureship* will be given October 17, 2009 by Stanley Walters. His title is *All is Well*.

October 24th is the *Dead Sea Scrolls* event. This will take place at both Knox and the Royal Ontario Museum. Dr. Eileen Schuller will discuss the Scrolls and their importance to Reformed Christians. Then we head to the ROM to see the Scrolls first hand.

October 28th is the Asian Center's Thanksgiving Celebration at Knox Presbyterian Church on Spadina Road. The speaker will be Asian Council Chairman, Rev. In Kee Kim.

The certificate in *Christian Faith & Life* Series I and II begins on November 2nd.

- Certificate I elective course *From then Until Now, the Church over Two Millennia*— David Robinson, Instructor.
- Certificate II Basic Course: *Amos – a Social Prophet for Our Time*—Brian Irwin, Instructor.

Knox College is located at 59 St. George Street in the University of Toronto campus.

For information on any and all of these events, go to the Knox web site www.utoronto.ca/knox or call 416-978-4500.



News From ehm (Evangel Hall Mission)

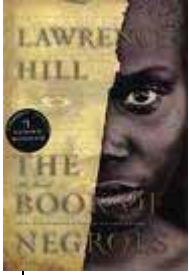
by Nancy Mathewson

The latest effort in the work of serving Evangel Hall Mission's community is the opening of the Medical and Dental clinic at 552 Adelaide St. W. The dental assistant has been there for several months, but now there are two dentists who volunteer a couple times a month (depending on their schedules) to see patients. They are always fully booked. There is also a connection with the Toronto School of Dental Hygiene. Now that school is back in session, students come with their supervisor once a week to provide cleanings. The goal is to provide good dental care to members of the community who couldn't afford it otherwise. The object is to save the teeth if at all possible, instead of just pulling them, which is what usually happens in emergency dental clinics.

Between the doctor who sees patients twice a week and the dental clinic, ehm is providing much needed health care to its community. For more information please visit www.evangelhall.ca.

St. Andrew's Book Club

by Kristen Stout



The Book of Negroes, by Lawrence Hill, was the most recent book club choice. It is the story of Aminata Diallo's journey, a journey that starts as a free Muslim in Africa and travels through slavery to freedom.

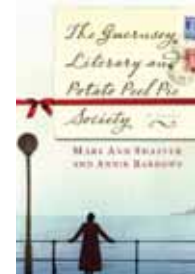
Eleven year old Aminata is stolen from her village and made to walk in a coffle (a string of slaves) for months, until the coast of Africa is reached. From there she travels by boat to an island near South Carolina. She is found valuable because her mother taught her the skills necessary to be a mid-wife, and she is a good "baby-catcher." She is able to speak a few of the African dialects and is able to read, although this is, of necessity, kept secret but does help her to escape some of the drudgery of slavery. Her journey, and the ability to read and write, leads her to be in New York when free Africans were going to Canada. She is one of the recorders for the "Book of Negroes" and has her own name entered when she heads to Canada. She eventually makes her way back to Africa but finds that she is no longer African—to those still there, she is foreign.

Her life, although possibly somewhat less harsh because she is educated, was by no means an easy life. She lost almost everyone she loved and learned that even though her owners might be happy to have her, she was still 'property'. She was really only able to rely on herself.

The group had a lively discussion. While a well-written book, the subject matter is a difficult one. And Hill is very good at describing the horrors of a life of slavery. We talked about the strength of character it would take to survive as long as she did. I think we would all recommend the book as one that is, as Publishers Weekly says, "stunning, wrenching and inspiring...."

On September 24th the club discussed *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

The next meeting will take place in mid to late November. Everyone is welcome!

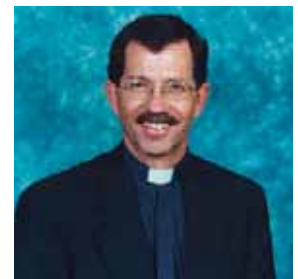


St. Andrew's at the 135th General Assembly

by Marc Buist

On June 7th fifteen members of St Andrew's car-pooled for a drive to Redeemer University in Hamilton to attend the 2009 General Assembly's opening worship. It was fun driving together and a joyful experience to meet with delegates and guests from all over our country.

We filled a lively row of seats in the Convocation Hall of this beautiful university. We enjoyed the fellowship, the enthusiastic singing and the communion with so many brothers and sisters of the faith. We listened to the farewell sermon of Rev. Cheol Soon Park, the last moderator, and the sermon delivered by Rev. Harvey Self, the new Moderator. The wonderful pipe organ and the youthful praise bands from the Hamilton churches made a joyful noise. It was nice to see that particular attention was given to our chaplains, especially the ones serving in Afghanistan. For those unfamiliar with the proceedings in the Presbyterian Church, this was very helpful in understanding our broader assemblies.



Rev. Harvey Self

Transitions

Births

Jean Jacob Guerard, son of Ritu and Philippe Guerard, was born on May 24, 2009.

Elliot Webster, son of Andrea and Gordon Webster, was born on May 30, 2009. Elliot is the great-grandson of Sheila McGillivray.

Jack Patrick Washburn, son of Suzanne Dicerni and David Washburn, was born on August 6, 2009 in London, UK. Jack is the first grandchild for Ruth Dicerni and Judy Neal.

Baptisms

Katherine Lillie Gleeson, daughter of Jennifer Matheson and Christopher Gleeson, and grandchild of John and Joan Matheson, was baptized on August 23, 2009.

Marriages

Adriaan van Rensburg and Joan Lipa, May 16, 2009

Norman Nike and Michele Herbert, May 30, 2009

Joseph Kubik and Barbara Taylor, June 13, 2009

Stephen Ross and Megan Gardner, June 20, 2009

Brady Yauch and Vanessa Robinson, June 26, 2009

Timothy Fennell and Kathleen Hodgert, July 11, 2009

Carl Carter and Antonina Muravsky, August 22, 2009

Stephen Alexander and Jasmine Plummer, August 29, 2009

Darren Richardson and Heather Murray, September 19, 2009

Deaths

Franklin Keith Alderson, January 2, 1924 - May 24, 2009, father of David. The Funeral Service was held on May 30, 2009.

Pamela Grace Bolton, August 11, 1936 - June 10, 2009, husband of Donald. The Memorial Service was held June 17, 2009 at St. Andrew's Church.

Richard John ("Jack") Lawrence, April 23, 1934 - August 3, 2009. The Funeral Service was held at St. Andrew's on August 10, 2009.

Margaret Mary Jean (Peggy) Bremner, June 22, 1930 - August 14, 2009. The Funeral Service was held at Kopriva Taylor Funeral Home in Oakville, Ontario on August 18, 2009.

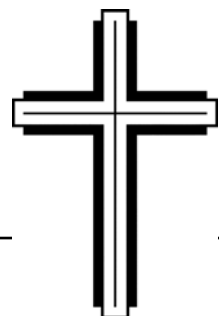
Mileposts

Katie Goodwin is starting a 4-year program in integrated sciences at McMaster University

Calum Agnew is starting at King's College in Halifax and is studying arts with a heavy emphasis on the Ancient World

Diana Holloway is starting at Queen's University studying the arts

Alice Treen is at the University of Toronto in her 2nd year of Life Sciences



Calendar of Events

Weekly Services and Events

- **Sunday Worship** Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
- **Church School & Nursery** Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Second Floor
- **Coffee Hour** Every Sunday following worship - Great Hall
- **Bible Study** Sundays at 9:30 a.m. - Board Room
Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. - Board Room
- **Chancel Communion** Every Thursday at 12:15 p.m.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - Great Hall
- **Out of the Cold Dinner** Every Monday from November to April - 6:00 p.m. - Great Hall
- **Out of the Cold Breakfast** Every Tuesday all year - 7:30 a.m. - Great Hall

Fellowship Groups

- **Wine, Cheeses & Jesus** - Thurs., Oct. 15 and Nov. 19 at 7:00 p.m. - Second Floor Meeting Room
- **SAGA** - Fri., Oct. 23 and Nov. 27; Sat., Dec. 19 - Gather at 5:45 p.m., Pot Luck at 6:30, Program follows - Great Hall

Adult Christian Education Events

- **Fall Supper Seminars** Wed., October 14, 21, 28 (Supper at 5:00 p.m., Lectures at 6:15 p.m.)
- **The Chris Vais Event** Sat., October 17 - Knox College, 59 St. George Street
- **Sunday Forum** October 25 at noon - *"I'm Still Here"* (a Play) - Great Hall
- **Annual Congregational Retreat** Sat., November 7 - The Old Mill Inn

Meetings

- **Special Session Meeting** Sunday, October 18 before Worship Service - 2 Fl Meeting Room
- **Regular Session Meeting** Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. - Board Room
- **Board of Managers** Wednesday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m. - Board Room
Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 26 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Health Cabinet** Tuesday, November 17 at 5:00 p.m. - Second Floor
- **Communication Task Group** Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. - Board Room
- **SAGA** Friday, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27 and Saturday, Dec. 19
(Gather at 5:45 p.m., Pot Luck at 6:30, Program at 7:30)
- **Wine, Cheeses & Jesus** Thurs., Oct. 15 and Nov. 19 at 7:00 p.m. - 2 Fl Meeting Room

Dates to Remember

- **Orientation for Prospective New Members** Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. - Board Room
- **Burlington Welsh Male Choir** Fund-raising event for Out of the Cold - Tickets \$20.
Saturday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
- **Ordination and Induction of Elders** Sunday, October 4 during Worship Service
- **Reception of New Members** Sunday, October 18 during Worship Service
- **Jazz Vespers Service** Sunday, October 18 at 4:30 p.m. - Sanctuary
- **Out of the Cold Organizational Meeting** Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. - Great Hall
- **"Sock Sunday"** November 1.

Deadline for next issue of Catalyst - Sunday, November 1