



# Catalyst

Fall 2010

## 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.*

## Tell Me the Old, Old Stories

It seems hard to believe that it has been three years since I began to serve at St. Andrew's. In certain ways, three years seems like a long time; yet, in other ways, three years seems like no time at all. I continue to feel deeply blessed to be a part of this community.

For many years, St. Andrew's has been a congregation that follows the weekly readings that are suggested by the "Revised Common Lectionary" (RCL) in our Sunday worship services. The RCL offers four suggested readings for each of the weeks in the Church year – a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, from the Psalms, from the New Testament Epistles, and from the Gospels.

So where did the RCL come from?

In 1983, the "Common Lectionary" was drafted as a suggested series of readings for use in public worship. Although the original initiative for this lectionary emerged from the Second Vatican Council in the Roman Catholic Church, the drafters of the "Common Lectionary" represented a wide variety of Catholic and Protestant traditions -- including the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In 1994, various revisions to the Common Lectionary led to the publication of the "Revised Common Lectionary", which is now used by Christians in many different denominations.

Although I did not grow up in a 'lectionary' church, I deeply appreciate its use for a number of reasons.

First, the lectionary is based on the themes in the seasons of the Church year (e.g. Advent, Lent, Pentecost, etc.). As such, it allows our readings to flow into the seasonal rhythms of our faith, and to expose us to a wide variety of spiritual themes and issues.

Second, the lectionary invites us to focus our attention on parts of the Bible that we might prefer to overlook, and requires all of us – clergy included – to delve into themes and issues that we might prefer to avoid. At the same time, it allows congregational members to know "ahead of time" what passages are being used and, if they would like to do so, to reflect upon them before

they arrive in church on Sunday. A large number of daily devotional guides now use the RCL readings as the basis for contemplation through the preceding week – which means that by the time that people arrive at church, they have had a chance to ponder the passages that will be used in worship.



Third, the lectionary offers opportunities for dialogue across denominational lines. Many of us have friends or co-workers from other churches and denominations, and it can be interesting to share reflections on the ways that commonly read passages have been interpreted in different ways.

So what does all of this have to do with my first three years at St. Andrew's?

Since the lectionary is a three-year cycle of readings, we have now returned to the same series of passages that we read when I first arrived. The discipline of returning to passages that we have pondered before offers each of us an opportunity to realize the dynamic and 'living' nature of these ancient biblical texts. Our reading and interpretations of passages – informed by our cultural contexts, by different life experiences, and by new understandings – inevitably changes through the course of our lives. How many of us can think of times when we have returned to, or re-read a passage that we thought that we knew well, only to discover entirely new depths of meaning in those familiar old stories?

Whenever we read and interpret the Bible, we need to approach it in a spirit of expectation and anticipation. When we do so, we often discover that these ancient words speak to us with a relevant, renewed and renewing power – even when we are returning to old, old stories that we thought that we knew well...

*Will*

## The Presence of St. Andrew's



Since this is my final contribution to the Catalyst, I want to share with you some parting thoughts regarding our congregation's presence. I need not tell you that all my articles have always been of a practical nature and this will not be an exception.

Over the past 12 years, I have treasured your friendship, I have appreciated your support, I have valued your contributions, and I have counted on your comments. Speaking of comments, I would like to highlight one of those comments offered at one of our Sunday Forums. It came from David Cameron, and this is what he said: **"St. Andrew's needs to identify and pursue another defining mission project."**

In addition to the *Out of the Cold* program, the Boarding Homes Ministries and the educational offerings for adults, we need to come up with yet another outreach program, that is, if our aim is to be a viable and a vibrant presence in our downtown community.

**The point of entry in today's Church is not Sunday worship any longer; people enter a faith community through a program.** More than one person has said to us--if you are serious about meeting human needs, as the hymn writer puts it "rescue the perishing, care for the dying...lift up the fallen", then we will join forces with you. Likewise, if you provide us with opportunities to tell our story, ask our questions and express our doubts, we will feel safe in your presence.

What will be our next "definitive mission project" and who will make it happen? Over the years I have seen it happen again and again – whenever members are excited about something, they gather individuals around them who are equally as passionate and "kingdom building" is the result.

We are proud of the fact that we are a historic Church, and we should be, the question is – what are we doing and what will we do to continue making history?

**"And now to Him, who by His power at work in each one of us  
is able to do far more than we can ask or imagine,  
to Him be glory and honor, now and always"**  
Amen

With fond memories!  
George

*Photos of Dr. Vais on pages 2 & 3 by Rhonda Peebles*

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- a new email address

### CATALYST

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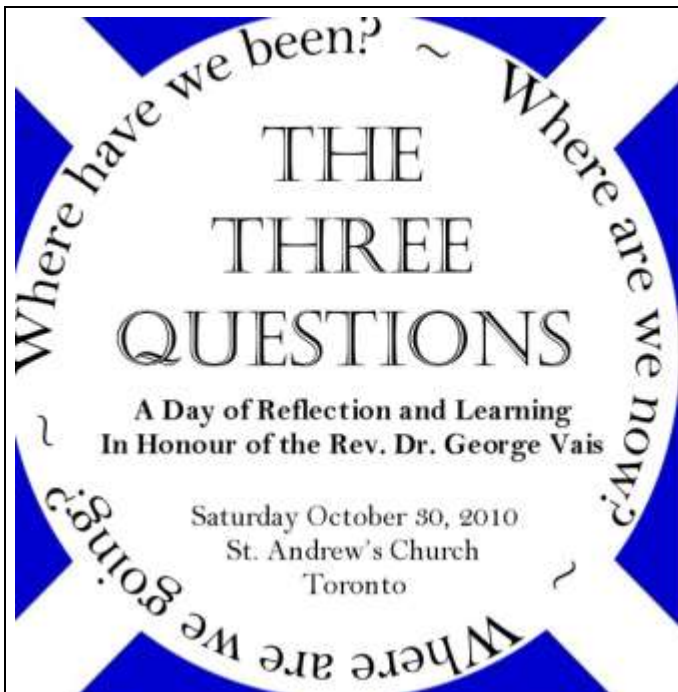
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## Join Us!

The past fifty years have witnessed a wide range of developments, both within the Church and in the world. From the ordination of women, to the consequences of the Second Vatican Council, to shifting perspectives on the Christian understanding of technology, sexuality, biblical interpretation and the role of religion in society, massive changes have taken place.

As a way of celebrating the ministry of the Rev. Dr. George Vais upon the occasion of his retirement from St. Andrew's — and as a way of marking the 50th anniversary year since his ordination — a special day of workshops and presentations has been arranged.

### Keynote Address

*"Wandering Between Two Worlds"*

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

### Workshop Topics and Presenters

*"Is that Story True?: The Bible Beyond Literalism"*

Dr. Laura Alary

*"What would Jesus Tweet?: Being the Church and Social Media"*

The Rev. Jeffrey Crawford

*"What songs shall we sing?"*

Dr. John Derksen & Ms. Enid Pottinger

*"We accepted Jesus and they gave us the church"*

The Rev. Dr. Robert Faris

*"Diversity: Beyond a church growth strategy"*

The Rev. Paul Kang

*"Sexuality, Spirituality and the Church"*

The Rev. Dr. Pamela McCarroll

*"Canada's Journey of Reconciliation"*

Ms. Lori Ransom

*"Hey You, Priest! (Yes, You) God is Calling"*

The Rev. Matthew Ruttan



## The View from the Office

By Judy Neal



*Using technology to support our congregational goals*

In a busy congregation like St. Andrew's there's a beehive of activity behind the scenes. In addition to planning and preparing for our weekly Sunday worship service and Thursday chancel communion, supporting the Session and our seven Ministries and the Board of Managers, there are a myriad of other activities. Every week we prepare and publish our electronic newsletter, *This Week at St. Andrew's*, and update our internet website. We schedule and prepare for Ministry and Committee meetings. We support our *Out of the Cold* and *Community Breakfast* outreach programs. We prepare for special events, including Supper Seminars and noontime meditations, concerts, weddings, funerals, and fundraising activities. In addition to his many other duties, our senior minister, Will Ingram, engages in a number of pastoral care activities. Church Manager Doug Pearson liaises with our tenants and coordinates rentals to outside agencies and film companies in addition to his accounting and facility maintenance supervision duties. And the list goes on and on. Most of these activities **involve at least two of our St. Andrew's staff team members**, and many of them involve several of us.

The congregation recently decided that it wants to do more to reach out to youth, to residents in our rapidly expanding condo neighbourhood, and to those employed in the downtown business district. With that goal in mind, and with the upcoming retirement of our associate minister, Dr. George Vais, the congregation chose to add a full-time associate minister to our staff. The search committee has begun the work of finding the right person.

As you can surmise from the lengthy list of activities mentioned in the first paragraph, sharing and updating documents and calendars without having networked computers is very time-consuming. It involves a lot of calls, emails and meetings. Once our new associate minister joins us, our activity level will increase yet again.

In order to facilitate smoother and more efficient operations, we decided to use the benefits of advanced computer technology to enhance the productivity of all **members of the St. Andrew's staff team**. The outdated computer in my office has been replaced and I now have the latest versions of the computer operating system and all of the programs I use every day. But best of all, our computers were networked, for the first time.

These days, issues of privacy continue to be of central concern to all of us at the church due to the confidential nature of many parts of our work. We are pleased with

the level of security that the new systems will provide, and we will continue to ensure that any information of a particularly sensitive nature will be properly safeguarded and limited only to those who need to have access to it.

In addition to significantly improved security, our new network includes software that will enable us to collaborate on projects, edit, approve and store multi-user documents, view and share calendars, design and update our internet website and manage workflow much more efficiently. We will no longer have to email documents **back and forth for editing and approval**. **Instead, we'll** have an internal website on the server that will enable us to have a web page for each special project (such as supper seminars, concerts and worship bulletins) where we will store all the related promotional brochures, event programs, correspondence, photos, calendars and internet links for that project. All of the team members working **on the project will be able to access that project's internal website** and quickly find the documents, publications, photos, calendars, emails and internet sites related to the project.

A very nice feature of the new server software is the ability to create Wiki sites on our new internal website. *Wiki means 'quick' in Hawaiian. Microsoft says "a Wiki site provides a low-maintenance way to record knowledge. Information that is usually traded in e-mail messages, gleaned from hallway conversations, or written on paper can be recorded in a wiki site, in context with similar knowledge."*

Our main Wiki site will be used to provide our staff members with quick access to information about the church, its organizational structure, fellowship group and committee activities, communion practices, *Leading with Care* policies and procedures, frequently used templates, room booking practices, and instruction guides. Every member of the staff will be able to contribute to our Wiki site. In addition to making it easier and faster for us to **learn "who does what" and "how we do things,"** and thus save a lot of time, it will be especially useful once our new associate minister joins our staff. It will also ensure the **continuity of our 'institutional knowledge' in the event of any staff turnover in the future.** (No, I'm not planning to leave anytime soon!)

Along with this wonderful technology and the promise of increased efficiency comes a fairly steep learning curve. We welcome this opportunity to learn, though, as we feel that these changes will provide a great tool for helping to smooth the way for our new associate minister, and for helping us to better achieve our congregational goals of reaching out to youth, condo dwellers and those in the local business community.





## Fall Supper Seminar Series

*"Lighten our Darkness:  
Faces of hope in a confused  
and conflicted world"*

Please plan to join us for our annual fall supper seminar series, which will be led by the Rev. Dr. Pam McCarroll, who is presently serving as the Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Director of Field Education at Knox College.

In this series we will explore the experience of hope as a primal means whereby the Spirit opens us to recognize **God's light in our midst**. The challenge, of course, is the **pervasiveness of the 'darkness' of these days and how to begin to recognize God's light anew**. How do we hope when the future of creation seems eclipsed by disaster of every sort? How do we hope in the midst of the trials and tragedies of life both personal and collective? How do we have a vision for life when we are bombarded with the bad news at every turn?

The series will take place on Wednesday October 13, 20, and 27. For more information and to register, please visit [www.standrewstoronto.org/hope.htm](http://www.standrewstoronto.org/hope.htm)

## St. Andrew's Welcomes New Members



Lei Jimmy Ba  
*By Robert Sheng*

Jimmy was a first year Communication Engineering student at Shanghai Jiao Tong University (known as eastern MIT) when he decided to further his study in Canada three and a half years ago. He spent the first two years at the University of Guelph studying Engineering of Systems and Computing. Last year, he transferred to the University of Toronto to study Electrical and Computing Engineering. He is in his final year this fall.

A friend at Guelph introduced Christianity to Jimmy but his heart was not in it at that time. It was in Toronto that the **seed planted in Jimmy's heart started to grow. He attended churches around campus. He found St. Andrew's was most suitable for him and became a member through baptism on May 30, 2010.**

Jimmy has attended Bible study groups, youth retreat and St. Andrew's Wine, Cheeses and Jesus meetings. This summer, he took two courses on World Religions as electives.

Welcome to St. Andrew's, Jimmy!

## *New Members' Information Meeting*

Those who are interested in becoming members of St. Andrew's Church are invited to attend an Information Meeting on Thursday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. For more information, please contact Eric Reynolds, convener of the Community Life Ministry, or Judy Neal in the church office. New members will be received into the congregation on Sunday, November 14th.



## Nursery News

Barbara Sargent has stepped down as the nursery volunteer co-ordinator and Sarah Birdsell has kindly agreed to assume this responsibility. Barbara will continue to be involved as a nursery volunteer on a stand-by basis.

Contact the church office for Sarah's contact information.





## Fidel

*A Presentation by Charles Diltz  
at St. Andrew's on May 20, 2010*

Fidel (Alexandro) Castro Ruz was born on 13 August 1926 in an area called Biran in Oriente Province near Santiago de Cuba. His father was Angel Castro, a Spanish soldier who came to Cuba in 1895 from Galicia. He became an entrepreneur and built up a farm of 800 hectares and eventually rented another 10,000 hectares (27,000 acres). The farm consisted of a store, a post office, a school, a cock pit and living quarters for the farm workers. The farm raised cattle and produced sugar cane, bananas, coconut, citrus, vegetables and lumber. There were 800 workers and 200 families, most of them were Haitians. He was a very kind man to his workers. He also got involved in politics where he controlled votes and distributed money. By his first marriage he had three children and seven by his second marriage, made up of 3 boys and 4 girls. He died on 21 October 1956.

**Fidel's mother was Lina Ruz, a Cuban from a rural area.** She was initially illiterate but taught herself to read and write. She was very religious, praying to St. Lazarus and the Cuban saint, Our Lady of Charity. She died in 1963.

**Fidel's education began on the farm in a one-room school of 15 or 20 children with one teacher.** When he was five years of age he was sent to Santiago de Cuba where he was home-schooled by the sister of the teacher **at the farm. He and the teacher's family lived in poverty because they were all supported by the teacher's salary.** After a year he attended the La Salle School run by Christian Brothers (Marist) where the students were both black and white. By age 7 he went to the Delores School run by Jesuits where the students were all white. Eventually he went to high school at Belen College in Havana, again run by Jesuits. He became interested in sports, outdoor activities like hiking and mountain climbing. By age 16 he was showing leadership and a great drive to study. He graduated from high school in 1945 and in law from the University of Havana in 1950. His hero was Jose Marti, a Cuban poet and revolutionary. While at university he came in contact with the writings of Marx and Lenin.

His early religious influence came from his mother who was very pious. They celebrated Christmas with the Magi but no Santa Claus. They also celebrated New

Year's Eve and Easter. Any unbaptized person was referred to as a "Jew", which applied to Fidel until he was finally baptized in 1933 in Santiago de Cuba. He found the Jesuits to be too dogmatic. They said "just believe, don't ask why" thus there was no explanation for an enquiring mind.

In Cuba there were two religions, one of which was called Santeria which was based on animism. The other was Roman Catholicism which was urban, controlled by the elite and interested in capitalism, i.e. assets, rights, property, privileges. The priests were Spanish and not interested in revolution. The Cuban bishops lacked a theology that would put in practice the teachings of Jesus. But in spite of this, the people were very religious. Some R.C. women supported the revolution but all protestants, who were found mostly in the rural areas, embraced it. Fidel met a Presbyterian missionary in the mountains.

The Cuban war of independence broke out in 1895. By the end of the war the U.S. sent troops and American interests occupied the country, buying up land at low prices or simply taking it.

**In 1947 Fidel joined the Cuban Peoples' party and became the leader of the left wing and organized an armed expedition against Trujillo in the Dominican Republic.** He then went to organize against U.S. interests in Venezuela, Panama and Columbia.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 1952 Fulgencio Batista seized power with U.S. backing. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 1953, under Fidel's leadership, 120 patriots attacked the Moncada Barracks, the hospital, and the Hall of Justice in Santiago. Unfortunately this attempt failed. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1955 he went to Mexico to organize the revolution and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1956, sailing on the yacht "Granma" with Raul and Che, Fidel, whose revolutionary code name was Alexandro, landed near Santiago and went to the Sierra Maestra mountains where he organized an army of 2,000 that later grew to 5,000. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 1959, Batista fled and the people of Cuba went on a general strike. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 1959 Fidel became Prime Minister.

In 1961 he nationalized foreign-owned property, and he distributed land to farmers and workers, starting with **his own father's property. There would be no elite** running the country. He supported rights of the poor, embraced a literacy campaign, agrarian and urban reforms. He closed casinos and prohibited prostitution. The response of the U.S.: The Bay of Pigs.

For a Canadian connection Pierre Trudeau enjoyed **Fidel's company and pronounced him to be an excellent** cook.

*Quotes from Fidel Castro:*

- You can't ask the people to make enormous sacrifices just to pay interest.
- Our countries are too poor to give men material wealth, but they can give men a sense of equality, human dignity.
- There are ten thousand times more coincidences between Christianity and Communism than between Christianity and Capitalism.
- Wealthy classes instituted religion to make it serve them.
- I believe that Christ was a great revolutionary. His entire doctrine was devoted to the humble, the poor; his doctrine was devoted to fighting against abuse, injustice, and the degradation of human beings.
- Religious faith should not be based on fear or reward.
- The revolution never committed a murder, tortured anyone, or made anyone disappear.
- Imperialism doesn't allow social changes to take place; it doesn't accept them and tries to prevent them.
- God is for life and doesn't rejoice over poverty.
- It is a good thing that the R.C. church isn't involved in India and China where birth control is a problem.
- What really causes hatred? Human exploitation, oppression, marginalization, and social injustice.
- Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay all followed the Chicago School of economics and look what happened to them.
- Well, Christ multiplied the fish and loaves to feed the people. That is precisely what we want to do with the revolution and socialism. Multiply the fish and the loaves to feed the people; multiply the schools, teachers, hospitals, doctors; multiply the factories, the fields under cultivation, and the jobs; multiply industrial and agricultural productivity; and multiply the research centres and the number of scientific research projects for the same purpose.
- Socialism is the pathway to Christianity.



## Religion at the Movies

By George Cantlie

As practicing downtown Christians, we at St. Andrew's may be interested in current media treatments of religious themes – especially in cosmopolitan Toronto, and with TIFF and the new Bell Lightbox Theatre offerings in the spotlight.

The British film *Infidel* is a case in point. It deals with the tensions between our sister faiths of Judaism and Islam, with no mention of Christian interaction, other than our Saviour's name being mentioned as an emphatic expletive in conversation by both sides, possibly in purposeful irony. The acting, humour and set design are first rate, with the clear parallelism of social behaviour at a Jewish Bar Mitzvah and a Pakistani wedding. Touching, too, is the virtual identity of the Hebrew and Moslem greetings of 'Shalom Aleichem/Assalamu Alaikum'. The protagonist is played by British Actor Omid Djalili who has a solid reputation in that country and was recently interviewed on CBC.

Watch for Bergman's 1957 *Seventh Seal* and Dreyer's 1928 *The Passion of Joan of Arc* as further examples of religious themes in the TIFF Bell Lightbox 'The Essential 100' series that started in mid September.

## Do you enjoy singing?

We are currently seeking to establish a Congregational Choir that would perform several times throughout the year. If you are interested in participating, please speak to Dan Bickle. Male singers would be especially welcome!





*The Outreach Ministry seeks to fulfill the mission of St. Andrew's in the wider community, both with the desire to strengthen the visible presence of the Church and to strive towards the biblical vision of justice in our city and world.*

## Evangel Hall Mission Happenings

By Kristen Stout



ehm is looking for some new Board members, particularly with a background in law. If you are retired or are just looking for a new experience, please think about volunteering on our Board of Directors.

ehm is getting greener! Thanks to a grant from the City of Toronto, ehm is putting on green roof and turning our patio into a lovely space that can be used in the milder months. The green roof will help lower our heating and cooling costs and the patio will be able to be enjoyed by staff, residents, and guests alike.

Erin Oke had another successful summer with the *Outside the Lines* camps and is now gearing up for her many and varied school programs. She is always happy to accept donations of school supplies to pass on to the kids that enjoy her programs. For more information, please contact Erin at 416-504-3563 x 229.

For more information, please check our website [www.evangelhall.ca](http://www.evangelhall.ca) or talk to Kristen.

## Knox Notes

By Nancy Mathewson

Knox College has a busy Fall planned. Aside from the start of classes for the Fall semester, there are many special events as well.

In the Ewart Centre for Lay Education there is a course titled SPIRITUALITY, Focusing on Christian tradition and today's culture. This is Part III of a Mini-Series: "Spirituality and Money: Give Me the Money." This class meets on Mondays from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. The Dates are October 4, 18, 25 and November 1 at the College. The cost is \$80.00.

On Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> The Charles H. MacDonald Memorial Lectureship will be held. The topic is Mental Health and Ministry: Caring for the Congregation. The guest lecturer is Dr. Marilyn Craven. The Time is 1:30 to 4:40 P.M. There is no charge.

On October 16, 2010 there is a special Seminar titled SACRED ART AND DIVINE INSPIRATION. There are several packages to choose from which include lectures, a visit to the ROM and lunch.

The Chris Vais Memorial Lectureship will be held Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. The title this year is *It Is Heaven Itself to See What is Plain*. The lecturer, The Rev. Ian McDonald, is no stranger to St.



Andrew's as he was with us for a student placement several years ago. There is no charge for this event.

If you need books, like to browse among books, or have books you want to get rid of, the Knox College Book Sale may be your answer. It will be held in the College Dining Hall Monday to Wednesday, November 22-24. They are looking for donations and volunteers.

Knox College is also launching a new website in early September so check it out for more information about the College and these special events.

For information about any or all of these events, call the College at 416.978.2787 or email them at [www.utoronto.ca/knox](http://www.utoronto.ca/knox).





## PWS&D Appeal for Pakistan Flood Relief

*Submitted by Zuzka Ellis*

Severe monsoon rains and some of the worst flooding ever recorded in Pakistan have affected the homes and livelihoods of over 20 million people—more than the 2004 tsunami, the Kashmir earthquake and the Haiti earthquake combined. An estimated 3.5 million homes were destroyed, leaving 4.6 million people homeless, according to the United Nations. With a fifth of the country under water, millions of people are at risk for cholera and struggle for basic survival.

### *PWS&D Responds*

Presbyterian World Service & Development is assisting flood victims through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Action by Churches Together alliance to provide food, shelter, emergency supplies and medical care for over 150,000 of the most affected people in the provinces of Balochistan, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (North West Frontier Province and Swat Valley).

Twenty water tanks have already been installed, providing safe and clean drinking water to displaced people. Cash-for-work initiatives will help to re-establish agricultural livelihoods and provide for long term food needs.

### *Rebuilding Homes and Lives*

As floodwaters slowly recede from a few areas, the rebuilding process is slow, as prices for housing



materials more than doubled after the disaster. Many shepherds, farmers and fishermen need to re-establish their livelihoods before they can afford to reconstruct their homes.

Although Nawaz, an 18-year-old day labourer, possesses the necessary skills to rebuild his home, the time he spends on his house keeps him from other income-generating work. **“Money is running out,”** he says grimly.

PWS&D is helping to support the formation of training centres to teach community members construction trade skills so they can reconstruct their homes.

### *Your Help Is Needed*

The people of Pakistan need your prayers and financial support to recover and rebuild from this disaster. You can make a donation to PWS&D by calling 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291, donating online, through your church or mailing a cheque to the office. Please mark all donations **“Pakistan Flood Relief.”** For more information please visit [www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd](http://www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd).

## Portland Place Fund Raiser...

Portland Place is a Presbyterian Church residence which offers supportive housing for individuals with difficulties and disabilities. A fund raising party is being held at the ARTA Gallery in the Distillery District on Wednesday, October 20th from 6 - 9 pm. (Although the second of our Fall Supper Seminars is on the same evening, the seminar will end by 7:15 p.m., enabling you to attend both events.) **There will be wine, hors d'oeuvres, music and a silent auction.** Tickets are \$100; all proceeds to Portland Place. Please speak to David Wishart or Stevie Cameron to obtain tickets.



*Portland Place offers dignity, safety, privacy and self-reliance to people who can't live without some kind of support. People who would otherwise be on the street or surviving in boarding homes and shelters. And it does this more economically than any shelter, hospital or motel can.*

*-Stevie Cameron, journalist.*

## Doors Open Toronto

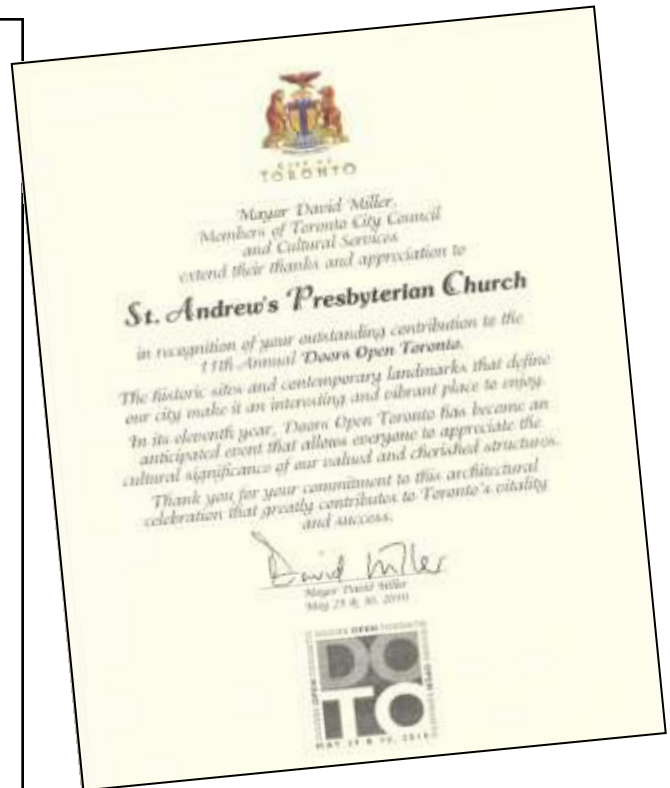
On Saturday, May 29, 2019, our doors were open to Toronto. **St. Andrew's had 1,247 visitors who were greeted by 30 volunteers, including one Old Comrade from the 48<sup>th</sup>.** David Tsuchiya and the Old Comrade, John, greeted our visitors at the Narthex door during the first shift.

The volunteers wore name tags with a turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century picture of **St. Andrew's that included a horse & carriage.**

Pin-on buttons were made for seven languages (not including English) which read "Welcome. I speak.....". These languages included French, Mandarin, Cantonese, Shanghainese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish. Most volunteers had an opportunity to speak in their other language(s).

Dan Bickle, our Director of Music performed for ten minutes on the hour commencing at 11:00 am with the last performance starting at 4:00 pm.

Light refreshments were served to the volunteers.



## Church Colours and What They Mean

By Nancy Mathewson

Have you ever wondered why the colours of the hangings on the pulpit and lectern and the colour of the minister's stole change from time to time? Is it arbitrary or is there meaning to the changes?

Yes, there are meanings to the colours we use. Although **there are many liturgical colours, St. Andrew's Church** uses four: white, purple, red and green.

*White* is the symbol of holiness, light, purity and innocence. It is used from Christmas Eve to Epiphany Sunday and also from Easter to the Eve of Pentecost. It is also sometimes used for the baptism or for the funeral of a child.

*Purple* is the colour used for Advent and Lent. It is the colour for the spiritual preparation for the Christmas celebrations and also for the somberness of the period of Lent.

*Red* is the colour of fire and is the symbol of the presence of God. It is used for Pentecost Sunday.

*Green* is the colour for renewal and growth and the promise of new life. It is used from Transfiguration Sunday to the beginning of Lent and again for Ordinary

Time which is the first Sunday after Pentecost to Advent. In Ordinary Time there are no major celebrations or special Sundays.

*Pink* stands for joy and happiness. **St. Andrew's does not use pink hangings**, but traditionally a pink candle is lit on the Sunday commemorating Joy in the season of Advent.

There are many other colours used in other liturgies.

*Black* is used in some churches on Good Friday; other churches remove all of the hangings. **St. Andrew's** follows the practice of removing all of the hangings.

*Olive, aqua and light green* are sometimes used to denote Ordinary Time.

*Grey* is a colour used by some for Ash Wednesday and may be continued through Lent.

*Yellow, silver and gold* are other colours which may be used either with *white* or by themselves at appropriate times of the year.

*Bright blue and royal blue* are being used by some churches for Advent to distinguish the season from Lent.



## Transitions

### Baptisms:

Jean-Jacob Guerard, son of Philippe and Ritu Guerard  
- May 23, 2010  
Cody Chambers, son of Alexandra Chambers  
- May 30, 2010  
Lei (Jimmy) Ba and Betsy Yu - May 30, 2010  
Willow-Su McBride Knapp, daughter of Laurie Knapp  
- September 5, 2010

### Anniversaries:

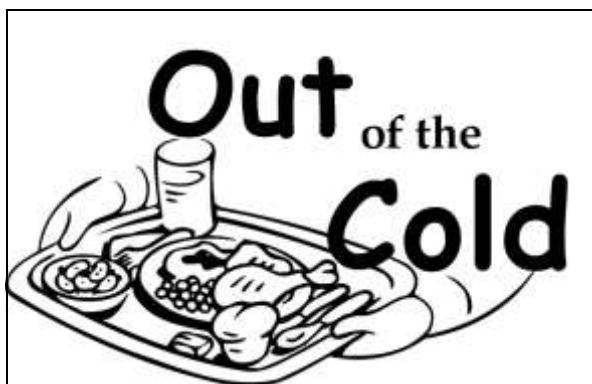
Rosemary and John Campsie - 60 years - Sept. 2, 2010

### Weddings:

Peter Price and Lorraine Wong - June 6, 2010  
Colin Schmidt and Sara Rae - June 26, 2010  
Christopher Smith and Kara-Anne Grace - July 10, 2010  
Alex Cherion and Kathy Janev - August 28, 2010  
Adam Bleau and Ashley Parker - August 28, 2010

### Funerals:

Mary "Molly" McGhee - died August 3, 2010



2010 - 2011 Dinner Program  
starts Monday, November 8th...

*A special welcome  
to our new and returning volunteers!*

### Sunday Afternoon "Preppers" Group

*By Barbara Sargent*

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, Candace Brown, a regular Sunday afternoon "prepper", graciously hosted a pot-luck luncheon at her house.

The weather was wonderfully co-operative and we were able to sit out in Candace's beautiful garden; the food was mouth-watering and everyone had a great time.

This occasion was also an opportunity for the group to bid a fond farewell to our much loved cook, Robin Young, who was presented with a lovely floral arrangement by Candace.

Below is a photograph of those Sunday "preppers" who were able to attend this event, together with a photograph of Candace presenting the floral arrangement to Robin.







Photos by Rhonda Peebles



## 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 ("Bide-a-Wee")** - 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 - Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. - 2nd Floor Meeting Room
- SAGA - Fridays, October 22 and November 26 - Gather at 5:45 p.m., pot luck at 6:30, program follows - Great Hall
- **St. Andrew's Book Club** - Thursday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. - Board Room.

### Adult Christian Education Events

- Fall Supper Seminars - Wednesdays, October 13, 20 and 27 - see enclosed brochure.
- The Chris Vais Memorial Lecture - Saturday, October 23, from 10:00 - noon (refreshments at 9:00 a.m.)- Knox College.
- The Three Questions - Saturday, October 30 - see enclosed brochure.
- Agape Pot Luck Lunch - Sunday, October 31 after worship service.
- Advent Noon Meditations - Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15 and 22nd (Noon—Organ Recital; 12:15 Meditation; 12:45—Sandwiches)

### Meetings

- Session Meeting - Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. - Board Room
- Board of Managers - Wednesdays, October 27 and November 24 at 6:00 p.m. - Board Room

### Other Events

- Hatha Yoga classes - Thursdays, from October 7 to December 9th, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Great Hall
- Orientation Meeting for New Members - Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. - Board Room



Deadline for next issue of Catalyst - Sunday, October 31, 2010

