

The Covenanter

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Invitation to Communion

Sunday, March 9th, at
9 and 11 A.M.

To: _____

Elder: _____

Elder's Phone Number: _____

Secretary: Joanna McNeil 416-438-4100

Pastor: Rev. C. Duncan Cameron 416-438-4370

Upcoming Events at St. Andrew's

March 9th

Communion Sunday



Attention Presbyterian Women:

Please watch for upcoming events for the Evening and Afternoon Groups which will be posted on The Presbyterian's Women's Bulletin Board and in the weekly Church Calendar's.

also note since our penny is no longer in circulation our Least Coin is now the Nickle.

Marion/Carol.

St Andrews Bus Trips!

A schedule has been placed in the folders of the people who travel with us regularly and we also placed copies in some of our new family members who might like to join us. If you were missed to please take a copy from my folder where I keep extra copies.

**March 7,
2014
@2:00pm**

Celebrate World Day of Prayer at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,

"Egypt.....Streams in the Desert" Service written by the Women of Egypt. We would love to have you join us! Call the church for more information: 416-438-4100

Upcoming Events at St. Andrew's

Sat March 22nd 2014 @ 9.00AM.	St Andrews Mens Breakfast "LADIES DAY". Speaker. Vicky Riley Keyes of Redcoats Moving. Topic. Downsizing, Decluttering and Staging. <i>Tickets \$5.00 ea.</i>
Sat March 15th 2014 @ 7.00PM	5th Annual St Patrick's Night Concert Theme " An immigrants tribute to Canada". Featuring Music, Song, Sing-a-long and Humour from across Canada. Light refreshments will be served, Funds to our Steeple Project. <i>Tickets \$15.00 ea.</i>
Saturday June 22nd 2014. @ 10.00AM	St Andrews Men's Day Service Guest Speaker. Rev Samson Javed (formerly from Pakistan). Topic."His experiences in prison ministry in Pakistan".
CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WITNESS COURSE – Scarborough FESTIVAL OF HOPE with Franklin Graham Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Canada	Two opportunities: May 13, 2014, 7 – 9 pm Global Kingdom Ministries 1250 Markham Rd., Scarborough May 14, 2014, 7 – 9 pm Friends of Jesus Christ 181 Nugget Ave., Scarborough (north of Sheppard, between McCowan & Markham Rd.

ST. ANDREW'S SERMONS ON THE WEB

For several weeks our audio/visual tech team have been testing videotaping Duncan's sermons and putting them on our website.

We are so very happy to announce that we now will be doing so each week. It does takes a day or on vacation, you can access Duncan's message. Hopefully some of us will also suggest to our family and friends that they took a look and find out why we know St. Andrew's is so very blessed..

St. Andrew's website is www.standrewsscarborough.com. It is listed on the back page of your 2014 Church Directory.

Of course we also will continue the cd recording of the entire service. They can be borrowed (for one week) or purchased for \$3.00

If you have any questions or suggestions, please visit the CD table on Sunday.



“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God’s grace.”

2 Corinthians 9: 10-12

Generosity is at its core a lifestyle, a lifestyle in which we share all that we have, are, and will become as a demonstration of God’s love and a response to God’s grace.

The gift of God’s grace shapes our faith and leads to the conviction that all that we have – our time, talent and treasures – has been given to us for a purpose.

Generosity embraces a biblical understanding of stewardship:

God is the owner of everything.

What we have has been given to us by God.

The resources we possess are assets to be invested in his Kingdom.

Generosity is the fullest expression of the life of a steward, one who has been given a gift that must be used wisely and for a purpose, bringing glory to God.

As we enter a New Year – 2014, please take the opportunity to review your offering to St. Andrew’s whether it be through the envelope or the pre- authorized programme.

Thank you.

Alan Leach



Presbytery of Pickering Visitation to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Scarborough, Ontario.

Introduction On Sunday 28th April 2013, a Presbytery visitation to St. Andrew's commenced with a visitation team, comprised of Mrs. Mary-Ann Loyst, the Rev. Dr. J.P. Ian Morrison, and Jim Seidler, in attendance at worship services at 9.00 a.m. and at 11.00 a.m. After both worship services, the visitation team met with the congregation. On Monday 6th May 2013, the visitation continued at St. Andrew's with a visitation team meeting with the Board of Managers followed by a meeting with the Session. On Tuesday 7th May 2013, the visitation team met with the Minister. Subsequent to these visitations the convener of the visitation team spoke with the Director of Music, Helen Simeonov, the Choir Director, Ianjai Mounsey and the Pastoral Assistant Katherine Heal.

Basic information St. Andrew's was formed in 1818; the Rev. C. Duncan Cameron has served St. Andrew's from 1997 to date; Session is comprised of 24 elders including the Minister and the Clerk; the Board of Managers is comprised of 16 members; the congregation is comprised of 368 communicant members; 217 adherents including 57 children.

Comments

1. The visitation team was warmly welcomed at both worship services and at all meetings.
2. For approximately one hour between the two worship services, a time of fellowship in the church hall is enjoyed by people in attendance at both services. This time of fellowship maintains the congregation as a whole.
3. Both worship services are similar in liturgical content. The 9.00 a.m. worship service includes contemporary music led by a praise team and the 11.00 a.m. worship service includes traditional hymnody with music led by an organ and choir.
4. During the worship service at 11.00 a.m., 7 people were received as new members and were welcomed by 14 elders. In 2012, 11 people were received as new members.
5. Participation by the congregation in the singing, recitation of the Lord's Prayer was with full voice and conviction.
6. The Minister preached a sermon that was biblical, both spiritually and practically nourishing and relevant to the life and work of the congregation. The congregation was very attentive to the sermon and participated well in the whole service of worship.
7. The questionnaire revealed strong support for the ministry of the Rev C. Duncan Cameron. They were appreciative of the total leadership in the congregation.
8. The meeting with the ruling elders of the Session revealed a strong commitment to serving God through giving serious and prayerful leadership within the congregation. The committees of the session are functioning well.
9. The meeting with the Board of Managers revealed a strong commitment to ensuring that the

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property of the congregation is maintained in good repair.

Evaluation

The members, adherents, and children individually and collectively as a congregation are faithful in their attendance at worship, and show a willingness to share their faithful witness in whatever way they can with the local community, Canada and internationally. The congregation is to be commended for its faithful witness for close to 194 years to the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Rev. C. Duncan Cameron, the Minister, is faithfully preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, is celebrating the sacraments of Holy Communion and baptism, and providing spiritual guidance to the congregation. His ministry includes teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and leadership of Christian life and work. The Rev. C. Duncan Cameron merits thanks for his faithful ministry, compliments and recognition for his achievements, and encouragement to continue his ministry.

Helping to Feed the World's Hungry through Cropshare

On August 16, 1997, a group from St. Andrew's traveled by chartered bus to Teeswater, Ontario, where they joined folk from about 20 other congregations to learn about and discuss plans for working together to make a significant contribution toward sending food to parts of the world where it is needed most.

The people from Knox, Teeswater warmly welcomed all who visited them that day. After providing lunch, they explained how the Cropshare Program that they had been operating for a couple of years, like similar programs in western Canada, could achieve more significant results by pooling the resources from a larger group of people while avoiding strain on the individual participants. It was also mentioned that a larger project inevitably created greater publicity and larger response.

PRE-AUTHORISED REMITTANCE – P.A.R.

It's 2014 and the budget process for next year has been put to bed.

Hopefully you were able to attend the congregational budget meeting as we discussed personnel costs, ministry costs and fixed expenses.

Overall, a budget of \$338,308 was unanimously approved, being a 3% increase over last year's budget.

If you already donate through PAR please consider increasing your donation to cover the budget increase. A quick phone call to Joanna in the office, an email or a note will accomplish this.

If you don't currently donate through PAR please think about doing so. No more writing of cheques every week. No catching up after your vacation. It's easy and trouble-free.

A PAR APPLICATION FORM IS

INCLUDED WITH THIS

NEWSLETTER. PLEASE COMPLETE

IT AND GIVE IT TO JOANNA

MCNEIL IN THE OFFICE.

We appreciated a tour of the area, demonstrations of the large (and expensive) planting and harvesting equipment, and explanations of the challenges faced in growing, harvesting, shipping and selling quality crops. (We learned that it is more cost effective to sell Ontario crops to grain dealers and use the proceeds to purchase food overseas than to pay shipping costs from here).

Since that first trip in 1997, there have been several enjoyable and educational bus trips to Teeswater, and our congregation has provided financial support for the Cropshare Projects each year. Three years ago, the Mission and Outreach Committee decided that we should support a Cropshare Project now operating at Leaskdale, Ont. (in our Presbytery) as well as the one in Teeswater. Some of us have visited Leaskdale (a much shorter trip), and have been warmly received. Our contributions, whether to Teeswater or Leaskdale, assist in paying the bills during the growing season, and are then merged with the net profits that are sent to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Through learning about, and supporting, the Cropshare Programs, the congregation has a better understanding of both the challenges and the satisfaction of being a part of the process of providing food where it is most needed in the world. Watch for announcements later in the spring that will remind you about making your contribution toward the St. Andrew's Cropshare Program. Contributions will be collected and forwarded to help finance the growing projects in Teeswater and in Leaskdale. By giving our support to the efforts of the dedicated, committed experts who are able to use the proper equipment under appropriate growing conditions, great results will be achieved.

PS: There is another benefit – all donations to the Cropshare Programs are supplemented by the Canadian Government through CIDA!

Bob Keith



PAR Congregational Number # _____	<h2 style="margin: 0;">PAR AUTHORIZATION FORM</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">(For new PAR donors and any banking changes)</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Church Name: <u>St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church</u></p>
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We, _____, hereby request and authorize The United Church of Canada on behalf of:

Name of local church: **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

Address: **115 St. Andrew's Road**

City: **Scarborough** Province: **Ontario** Postal Code: **M1P 4N2**

To debit my account on the 20th day of each month the amount of \$ _____ as a contribution by me to the above local church to benefit:

Local Church \$ _____ Other (Please specify) _____ \$ _____

Institution No: _____ Transit/Branch No: _____ Account No: _____

Please attach a VOID cheque.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Name of the Church PAR Contact: Joanna McNeil, Church Secretary Phone#: 416-438-4100

This donation is made on behalf of: _____ Individual(s) _____ Business

- I may change the amount of my contribution at any time subject to providing notice of 15 days.
- I may revoke my authorization at any time, subject to providing notice of 15 days in which time I will submit a cancellation form obtained from the Church PAR Contact or by contacting my financial institution or visiting www.occnpay.ca.
- I have certain recourse rights if my debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAR agreement. To obtain more information on my recourse rights, I may contact my financial institution or visit www.occnpay.ca.
- I waive my right to receive prior notification of the amount of the Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR) and agree that I do not require advance notice of the amount of PAR before the debit is processed.

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Do You Know Your Hymns?

- Dentist's Hymn**..... Crown Him with Many Crowns
- Weatherman's Hymn**..... There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
- Contractor's Hymn**..... The Church is One Foundation
- The Golfer's Hymn**.....There's a Green Hill Far Away
- The Politician's Hymn**..... Standing on the Promises!
- Optometrist's Hymn**..... Open My Eyes That I Might See
- The IRS Agent's Hymn**..... I Surrender All
- The Gossip's Hymn**.....Pass It On
- The Electrician's Hymn**..... Send The Light
- The Shopper's Hymn**..... Sweet Bye and Bye
- The Realtor's Hymn**..... I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
- The Doctor's Hymn**..... The Great Physician