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The church is not a building, but rather the people in it. With the theme of "I am the church; you are the church," our Sunday school children have built a replica of our church with building blocks signed by members of our congregation. The lesson was "How can we fit together to make a beautiful home for God?"

UNWRAPPING THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL

By Rev. Barb McGale

We know that Christmas soon will be here. The calendar tells us, and so does the change in temperature. However, before we celebrate the actual Incarnation, we observe a wonderful period known as Advent.

This is a time of preparation and anticipation. Maybe we think about preparation in terms of Christmas shopping and cards, wrapping the gifts and decorating the tree. We anticipate the gathering of family and the excitement of children.

But what about the spiritual excitement of the coming of Christ? What about feasting on the bounty of God's grace? What about unwrapping the greatest gift of all?

Is it possible for Advent to speak to us on this level? How do we prepare for the coming of Christ if we already have received Him into our hearts and lives? Our preparations must include the touch of the Holy Spirit. They must include an openness to the transforming power of the Lord.

He comes to bring salvation, but also so much more. As we open our hearts and minds to Him, as we draw closer to Him, the Lord blesses us with hope, peace, joy, and love. And one day He will return to take us home.

This Advent season, ask yourself what preparations you are making. Will you use this time to get ready for Christmas or to prepare for eternity?



St Andrew's celebrated its 217th anniversary this November. Liz MacIntyre cuts cake for Daphne van Egmond, Lynn Lingard, and Nancy Burns

FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

“Except for the installation of the rebuilt pillars on the steeple, the major renovations to the church are finished now,” says Ken Willms, the board’s building committee chair. “Andrew, our restoration contractor, has promised to install the pillars within the month.”

The building committee extends a special ‘thank you’ to Doug Dineley, the church renovations project manager, for a job well done.

Installation of new windows and repaired screens, window locks and door seals has also been completed in the Kirk Hall.

According to Ken, the board is considering updating and improving the alarm systems in the church and Kirk Hall. How the systems are monitored will also be reviewed.

“We are just counting on pledge commitments to come in as expected and if they do, we will have met our goals and been successful,” says Jennifer Elliott, outgoing board chair.

The board is also working on a manual for all the buildings (church, manse and hall). The manual will have complete information, instructions, contact names and so on for all the alarm systems, trades people, appliances, elevator, heat and air and more. “This will make being a board member a lot easier,” says Jenny, “and take the burden off some of the board members who have a lot of information stored in their heads, and there-

fore are called upon constantly.”

The cemetery has had a lot of work done to it recently. “Many of the headstones were on crazy angles, and some were toppled just from time and frost,” says Jenny. Those have been shored up, with screenings underneath to straighten them. A lot of the very old tablet-style stones have been reinforced and straightened out. There is still some more work to do in the spring, but a lot has been done and it looks great.

Toppled trees have also been removed.

“The grounds committee has done an excellent job of re-setting many of the tombstones and infilling low spots throughout the cemetery,” says Ken. “As well, we’re going to do some serious pruning of our beautiful trees. The town has been asked to do something about the state of their trees that border on church property, along Mississauga Street between Centre and Gage streets.”

Finally, Jennifer says the board hesitated momentarily about doing this year’s Bangers and Mash dinner. “But the usual suspects stepped up to the plate once again to get it organized.” There’s a slight price increase this year, up to \$14 from \$12 (the price charged for the past 13 years!).

The new chair of the Board of Managers is Donnie Dawson. We can practically hear the sigh of relief from the outgoing chair.

CONTINUE THE GROWTH

By Ron Ferguson

At the recent meeting with Presbytery representatives, one of the “visions” expressed by several people was congregational growth. There are various expressions or definitions of congregational growth, but one is financial.

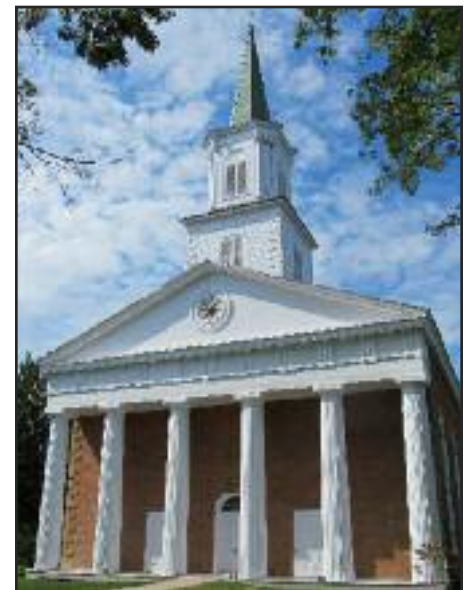
In the August *Herald*, I advised you that offerings to the general operating fund had declined 4.4 percent. As of the end of October, the decline had improved to 2.5 percent. Please help this growth continue so that by the end of the year, we can at least match last year’s offerings.

But we must not stop there. We must look ahead and, as I asked in August, “When was the last time you considered the amount you contribute to St. Andrew’s general operating fund?” Please do so as we end one year and start another and, again, respond as your conscience and circumstances dictate.

Keep in mind Paul’s message in Corinthians 2, chapter 9: “God gives you everything you need and more, so that there will not only be enough for your own needs, but plenty left over to give joyfully to others.” (*The Way*)



Sam Parker takes a break from the ‘madding crowd’ on Rally Sunday, not far from an askew tombstone. The board has had many of the stones reset, and work will continue in the spring.



The LINGARD Family

By Marsha Scott

“You don’t choose your family. They are God’s gift to you, as you are to them.” *Desmond Tutu*

Lynn and Peter Lingard’s boys, according to Lynn, are most certainly God’s gift to them. Lynn tells the story of how she and Peter had been married for 14 years and still had no children. They had pretty much given up on ever having a family, in fact, when, with the help of medical science, David came along. Then came Matthew. Then came Andrew!

Today, David is a third-year law student at Osgoode Law School (following in his father’s footsteps); Matthew is in his second year of a Masters in Theological Studies; and Andrew is in his fourth year of a Bachelor of Science at McGill University in Montreal. David and Matthew share an apartment in Toronto. Now that their ‘boys’ are no longer at home, Lynn and Peter have adopted another ‘son’—Obadiah Sahu.

The Lingards moved to St. Catharines in 1976 from Windsor, where Peter attended law school and Lynn completed teachers’ college. “We moved to St. Catharines because Peter found an articling position there,” says Lynn. “I was fortunate to find a teaching position in Welland with the Roman Catholic School Board, teaching science and math at Notre Dame College School.”

The couple found a house that would accommodate Lynn’s mother. She lived with them for 13 years, long enough to see the birth of all three boys. In fact, she turned 80 two days before David was born and looked after him for two days after



Lynn got home from the hospital because Lynn was “too sick to get out of bed.”

Both Lynn and Peter are from large families, Lynn being the youngest of six girls and Peter the youngest of seven children. Both were born to older parents. Lynn’s mom was 46 when she had Lynn, who calls herself the “afterthought”—10 years younger than the sister before. Peter’s mom was 45 when she had him.

In St. Catharines, the family went to the United Church; it seemed a good compromise, as Lynn had been raised Presbyterian and Peter had been an Anglican. Peter was not happy with the United Church, however, so they moved to Knox Presbyterian.

When they moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1984, they decided on St. Andrew’s because their children were young and the church had a vibrant Sunday school. They became members in 1996, and Lynn was a Sunday school teacher for 10 years. She still ‘supplies’ for the Sunday school and nursery.

Both Lynn and Peter are elders. Peter is treasurer of the Charitable Fund. Lynn is the current Clerk of Session, president of the Women’s

Fellowship and WMS. And both of the Lingards belong to our breakfast club, which feeds the homeless once a month at St. George’s Anglican Church in St. Catharines.

Peter’s law firm is called Martens Lingard. He specializes in civil litigation (personal injury, commercial and estate litigation), but he does wills and estate work as well. Lynn has continued to do supply teaching for the school board since she retired in 2000.

Church commitments and work aside, the couple have a six-acre vineyard (two Cabernet Franc and four Riesling). Peter does the hoeing and mowing, but employs a manager who does the rest. Peter and Lynn also like to play bridge, sail and swim...and spend time with their family.

Rejoice with your family in the beautiful land of life!

Albert Einstein



PRESBYTERIANS SHARING—We feed His lambs

By Ian Ness

Today I want to present four capsules of Christians in action in Canada and around the world.

Brock University Ecumenical Chaplaincy

Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support a chaplaincy right on our doorstep. It is all about connections—providing a safe place where people can have honest conversation, cultivate friendships and develop positive group dynamics. Put these three together with a program like the Toonie Supper—a Wednesday evening, home-cooked meal that serves a maximum of 20 students—and there are great opportunities for connection and spiritual growth. Let's pray for Brock's Faith and Life Centre as it helps enhance the presence of the Presbyterian Church in Canada on campus and establish a place in student life.

Malawi—Elleana Hoekstra

Here's a surname that conjures up many, many happy thoughts within our own congregation. Elleana is a young adult intern who is working as a midwife with the Mulanje Mission Hospital in Southern Malawi. She is using the experience she developed during a six-week placement at an urban hospital in Tanzania and while providing crisis response care to women in Jamel, Haiti following the devastating earthquake in 2010. Both of these experiences have given her an intimate perspective on the immense need for excellent maternity care in developing countries. Elleana writes,

"I am very excited about this privilege to live and work with the people of Malawi, as well as to help bring the newest generation of Malawians into this amazing world."

Nicaragua—Mike Birks

Once again, *Presbyterians Sharing* is supporting a young adult intern who is working with The Council of Protestant Churches in Nicaragua (CEPAD). CEPAD serves poor communities by promoting justice and peace and by helping communities improve their quality of life. Mike is working with one of CEPAD's new agricultural projects in Jinotega. He is helping to set up a small company to sell certified, good quality, indigenous bean seeds to local farmers. Mike is helping to create a marketing plan for the seeds, under the company name *Demitierra Frijoles* CEPAD. He is also responsible for tracking the results of this project to determine whether or not it will be viable to continue and possibly expand in the future.

Action Réfugiés Montréal—

Hope for Refugees

Up the 401 in Montreal, our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support *Action Réfugiés Montréal* as it works in solidarity with refugees and refugee claimants. *Action Réfugiés* facilitates the private sponsorship of refugees to Canada and helps refugees integrate into life in Canada through its matching/twinning program. It assists refugee claimants held in the Laval Immigration Detention Centre near Montreal by giving them accurate

legal information and ensuring they have access to legal services. *Action Réfugiés* Director, the Rev. Glynis Williams, writes, "We know that our actions are modest compared to the need, but to the people involved, this work is life-giving. Thank you for being such faithful partners in this work of Christ which provides hope and life."

These are but four of the many projects benefiting from your support of *Presbyterians Sharing* in Canada and overseas. I hope that, at this time of year in particular, you will keep *Presbyterians Sharing* in your thoughts and prayers, and, most importantly, continue to support the wonderful people on the front line who are indeed feeding His lambs.

As you are aware, our *Presbyterians Sharing* budget this year is set at \$21,000. Church treasurer Ron Ferguson advises me that as of the end of October, we had collected \$15,862, which leaves us with the challenge of raising \$5,138 in November and December. Fortunately, Ron pointed out a significant fact that we have collected \$4,400 in the past two months—a healthy increase over the earlier months. Bearing this in mind, we should be able to meet our budget with just a LITTLE EXTRA PUSH at year's end.

So many people and projects are depending on us to facilitate their efforts in the field. St. Andrew's, you can do it!



Rev. Glynis Williams with Marguerite, a refugee from Burundi.



Presbyterians Sharing supports the ecumenical chaplaincy at Brock University, which is all about connection.

MY Faith JOURNEY

By Pat Caldwell

When Marsha and Lauren asked me to share my testimony in the *Herald*, I jumped at the chance. I love to hear people's faith journeys and feel that it shows how God reaches out to His people no matter where we are. My story is a good example of that.

Just to give you some background: I am the only surviving child of Marion and Rod Beattie. They lost a daughter three years before I was born. She was 10 months old. My Dad was a butcher and was in business for himself (Beattie's Meat Market). He knew the Bible, and in his younger years attended York Bible School in Toronto.

Losing their child, however, resulted in my parents losing their faith. So when I came along three years later, they raised me with little mention of God in our home. They provided a loving home for me and sent me to the local United Church to sing in the junior choir, attend the Explorer's youth group and Sunday school. I was married at 21 in the same church in which my parents were married (Deer Park United) and carried on life as a newlywed without any church involvement. With work, family and social life, I think I felt quite content. But there was something missing. I didn't know what it was, but there was a definite emptiness.

Accepting Christ into my life

I used to watch TV on Sunday mornings and that's where I discovered Ernest Angley, the televangelist. I was fascinated by him and would tune in to him faithfully. I don't know if any of you remember him. He was a short, stocky little guy who always wore a white suit. He also sported a badly fitting toupee. Anyway, he had a healing ministry and would heal "in Jesus' name" at least 10 to 15 people during his hour-long show.

I had never seen anything like this. This show really stirred my heart to read the Word and start praying regularly.

Every Sunday morning I would sit in my PJs and wait for the show to start. He encouraged TV viewers to put their hand on the TV screen and meet his hand as we prayed. It was then that I accepted Christ into my life as my Lord and my Saviour.

After watching for months and months, I noticed that one of Ernest's ministry destinations was at the Metro Convention Centre in Toronto. Hallelujah!!!! I was going for sure to see 'my hero.' I invited my brother-in-law and sister-in-law to share in my new 'spiritual awakening.'

Some spiritual 'housekeeping'

That Saturday night I sat with thousands of optimistic, faithful people. There were many being brought in on crutches, in wheelchairs and even on stretchers. Mothers came with babies. Many came for healing.



People were setting up TV cameras, and sound and lighting crews were rehearsing. Growing up in the 1960s, I had attended many rock concerts. I had seen the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Creedence Clearwater Revival, the Animals and the Beach Boys. My excitement at these concerts couldn't hold a candle to my excitement at this Crusade. I was really anxious to see this preacher and his 'show.'

People looking like bodyguards placed themselves in front of the stage. Before the cameras rolled, the choir began to sing and we all joined in, reading the words on a giant screen. When this warm-up finished, someone came out on the stage and said, "Our God is awesome! And He will work miracles tonight." The crowd screamed and many waved their hands in the air praising God.

Then the man on stage said, "We will send out ushers to go down the aisles. Who can give \$10,000 for a miracle tonight?" I was shocked! The rest is a bit of a blur for me, but I know he continued to ask for money and in turn, he said they would receive a miracle.

After 30 minutes of this, the cameras started rolling and 'my hero' came out on stage. My recollection is that he rose up from the stage, but this might just be my imagination. I had already decided that he was a sham. The evening left me feeling hugely disappointed. My bubble had burst. I was embarrassed to talk to my in-laws. The only way I can describe my body language leaving that building was "skulking."

Satisfying my hunger

But after this spiritual "housekeeping," God gave me a hunger to know Him that needed to be satisfied. I started attending a charismatic Anglican Church where I was fed spiritually week after week. I attended spiritual renewal conferences, Bible study, and joined a group called "Joy in the Morning"—a prayerful group of women who taught me everything in my new faith. There I learned about the Trinity and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

My true hero

Looking back, I can see that God was preparing me for all the things to come. The storms in my life have not been easy, but I can't imagine going through them without my gift of faith in my Lord and Saviour.

Now, I am in the midst of yet another storm, maybe the most difficult yet. But I will march forward and won't be alone because I know Jesus is with me. He is my future, my rock, my true hero!

RALLY SUNDAY *becomes* PRAISE SUNDAY

“Come let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation; Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.” Psalm 95: 1-2

This psalm is an inspiration for the Book of Mark Praise and Worship group that brought their music ministry to St. Andrew’s on Rally Sunday. The group, Christians mainly from St. Catharines and the Beamsville area, was formed in the fall of 2010 with a desire to provide a ministry through fresh and inspirational music. The group is made up of singers and musicians from various churches and denominations. With the evolution of contemporary worship, the team has developed its own mission, led by a vision to actively lead worship to the living God through uplifting musical praise. Scripture is the cornerstone of their music ministry.

According to Book of Mark member Brian Worth, the team has used every morsel of their talent to develop a unique sound. The group is happy to come and share worship with any congregation that asks.

How did this happen at St. Andrew’s? At the Strawberry Festival, as Rev. Barb and Roy Hickman worked side by side at the drinks stand, Roy mentioned the band to Barb and followed up with an email. Barb talked to Gerzinus and the rest is history. Brian Worth is one of Roy’s colleagues at work at the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation.

Thank you Roy for suggesting this wonderful Praise and Worship group.

The Book of Mark was not the only surprise on Rally Sunday. A second surprise came in the form of testimonials by three congregational members on a person who has influenced their faith journey. For Leah Parker, her grandmother was a major influence; for Matthew Lingard, it was Margaret McQueen; and for Ruth Hunter, it was her family.

On behalf of the congregation, thank you to all three for sharing your personal stories.



The Book of Mark Praise and Worship group entertained St Andrew’s on Rally Sunday.



Leah Parker, Matthew Lingard and Ruth Hunter sharing their stories



Evelyn, Laurie and Grant Campbell were among members of the congregation to enjoy the Rally Sunday barbeque following the worship service.



Hope Bradley, Lynn Bradley, Doug Hunter, Murray Smith, Mary and Paul McHoull, Cameron and Pat Calder at the Rally Sunday barbeque



Rev. Barb commissions Sunday school teachers Jodie Godwin, Nancy Howse and Lynn van Egmond on Rally Sunday.



Jodie Godwin offers a prayer of thanks in recognition of Julie Hunter's many years of devoted service to the Sunday school. Julie has faithfully and energetically served as a Sunday school teacher and more recently, as superintendent. Although she was replaced by Nancy Howse last fall, Julie continues as the Sunday school treasurer. Jodie also prayed for God's blessing as Julie focuses on her family.

Zion Hoekstra, with brothers Isaac and Jacob in the background, hams it up for the camera as he makes a Thanksgiving cornucopia in Sunday school. The boys are the grandchildren of Gerzinus and Jeannetta Hoekstra and sons of Mendelt.



SUPER NEWS from Sunday School

By Nancy Howse, Sunday school superintendent

What is going on in Sunday School? Well, we have Super kids, Super teachers and a Super congregation behind us.

That being said, the new Super... in-tendent has been put to the test and is enjoying the challenge of learning new things herself.

Bits and Bites

I think everyone bit into hamburgers and corn on Rally Sunday, and a few stragglers got 'stuck' with hotdogs. It seems that we will need more hamburgers and fewer hotdogs for next year's Rally Sunday barbecue. Maybe there's a trend: I hear we had a surplus of wieners after this year's Strawberry Festival.

Mission Sunday

We had our first introduction to the Cariboo Ministry in British Columbia, a native ministry within the Presbyterian Church in Canada, whose work we support through *Presbyterians Sharing*. There are many kilometres between house churches in the Caribou District of British Columbia and the Sunday school is raising money to pay for some of the gas they need to visit families in isolated communities. Our goal is to fill as many tanks of gas as we can. So far the Sunday school has raised \$348. WAY TO GO CONGREGATION! We really are a family helping each other.

A house church Christmas service with Rev. David Webbe in the Cariboo Ministry in B.C.



Look for the jerry can in the church hall if you would like to make a donation.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoe boxes are being filled for children in needy countries. We know there will be happy children receiving them. Thank you again for helping others.

Advent Party

Coming up on Saturday, Nov. 26, the Advent party (2 p.m. to 5 p.m.) is all about preparing our hearts and minds to understand the real meaning of Christmas, while having fun. All kids, their parents and grandparents are welcome to participate with an R.S.V.P. to myself or Kathy Beigi. After all, we don't want to run out of pizza.

Christmas Program

The Sunday school will participate in the Dec. 11 service. Be sure to be there. It will be SPECIAL, and a soup and sandwich luncheon will follow. Be sure to invite someone to come with you!

Question

How old is St Andrews? I asked the kids, and some thought 30 years, another 100 and yet another 300! And the right answer is...?

You may have noticed a few Superlatives in this article. But I've saved the best for last. OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD, and we are a blessed people!

IN Memory

By Doug Hunter



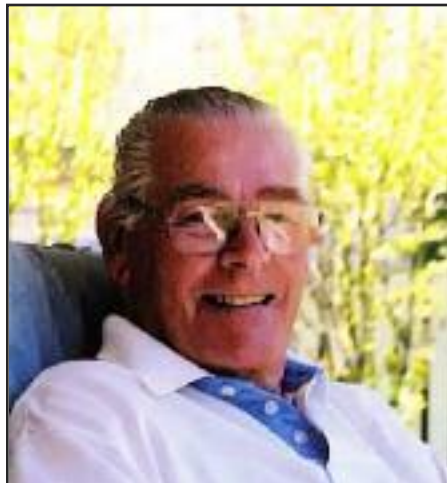
Ian Watson

Ian passed away at the St. Catharines General Hospital on Sept. 18, 2011 in his 93rd year. He was the beloved husband of Beverley (Locke) Watson. He leaves his children Suzanne (Amin) Korsch, Patricia (David) Irwin, and Ian (Sheron) Watson. He was the loving grandfather of Gillian (Shawn), Robin (Tara), Hilary, Patrick, Kelly (Crista) and Rebecca (Neil). He also leaves nine great-grandchildren. Ian was from a large family, surviving nine brothers and sisters.

Ian was a Flying Officer during the Second World War, serving in the Royal Air Force from October 1939 until 1946. His B24 *Liberator* was chosen as a protective escort for Winston Churchill on a flight to meet with Joseph Stalin. He retired as Vice-President of Sales with the Independent Order of Foresters. He was interested in golfing and at the age of 91, he scored his first 'hole-in-one.'

Ian attended St. Andrew's and his wife Beverley continues to attend. They have participated in many of the social activities of the church.

Ian was cremated, and a well attended memorial service was held in the church with interment in the church cemetery.



Fred Kingsford

Fred died on Oct. 7, 2011 at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital in his 87th year. He leaves his wife, Joyce Grimes, and two daughters Heather (John) Thiffault and Anne (John) Freel. He also leaves his grandchildren Matthew, Jeremy, Nathanael, Emily and Zachary. He will be remembered by Joyce's family, Paul (Denise) Fraser, Spencer and Peter.

Fred and his first wife June (1993) attended St. Andrew's, faithfully participating in all the activities of the church. He was an inactive elder. He was devoted to the Canadian Cadet Program and enjoyed his morning coffee at the Navy Club in Niagara Falls.

A memorial service was held at the Morgan Funeral Home.



Lisa Anne Belfie

Lisa passed away peacefully on Oct. 15, 2011 at the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington at the age of 36. She is survived by her parents Ruth and Michael Belfie, her son Michael and her sister Laura. She also leaves her aunts and uncles Lynn (Doug) Campbell, Marnie (Larry) Custer and family and Stuart (Suzanne) Belfie.

Lisa faithfully attended St. Andrew's when she was able. She loved to sing the hymns during service, and her happy smile was an inspiration to all she met. Lisa also always insisted on helping out at the Strawberry Festival. Testimonies have revealed what a great effect she had on people with whom she conversed and with whom she had contact during her short life.

A service of celebration was held in St. Andrew's and her cremated remains are buried in the church cemetery.



Tom Lochrane

Tom passed away after a brief illness on Oct. 17, 2011 in his 83rd year. He leaves his beloved wife, Jean, and his loving children Bryan and Sue. He was the grandfather of Sara.

Tom was active in the Masonry movement. He was affiliated with many lodges in Scotland, Niagara-on-the-Lake, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls. In 1999 he was coronated as 33rd Mason in Niagara Falls.

The respect he gathered was indicated by the number of Masons who attended and participated in his funeral service.

Tom was also an active member of St. Andrew's. He attended Tri-M and was always ready to help with ushering duties. He was also engaged in outreach collections for Newark Neighbours, collecting books for Jamaican children and more.

A celebration of Tom's life was held at St. Andrew's followed by the Masonic service. Interment of his ashes took place in the church cemetery.



Margaret McQueen

Margaret died on Oct. 18, 2011 at the St. Catharines General Hospital following a massive stroke. She was 88 years of age. She was predeceased by her husband Bruce (2009) and was the loving mother of Susan (Michael) McNeil and Gary McQueen. She leaves her grandchildren Clare, James, Ellie, Natalie and Joseph and was great-grandmother of Wade and Kara.

Margaret loved her God and His creations, which showed in her love of her home and garden. She was a woman of literature, and some of her poetry has been published in booklet form. She attended St. Andrew's for many years and was active in Tri-M.

Her funeral service was held at St. Andrew's with interment of her ashes and Bruce's in Coningsby Cemetery in Erin, Ont. Margaret wrote about the beauty of that cemetery in a previous issue of the *Herald*.



George Howse

George passed away peacefully on Nov. 9, 2011, at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital at the age of 87. George was predeceased by his wife Anne and a son George. He was the loving father of Mary Anne Howse and Susan (Ed) Hornyak. He also leaves a brother David (Beatrice) Howse, but was predeceased by his brothers Frank and Percy. He was Uncle George to many nieces and nephews.

George was a veteran of the Second World War and an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 124. He taught for many years at The Princess Margaret School in Niagara Falls and also served for three terms on the Niagara District School Board. He also served on the Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council for two terms. He was a member of the Order of St. John and a founding member of the local Rotary Club.

George was a staunch member of St. Andrew's. He was brought up in the Sunday school, later served as a teacher and was Superintendent for many years. He was a member of the Young People's Society and became an active Elder for a long period. He was President of Tri-M. He loved his church so much that he rarely missed a service.

A service to celebrate George's life was held at St. Andrew's with burial in the church cemetery. The family has asked that memorial donations be made to St. Andrew's Church.

TIMELESS

By Matthew Lingard

She is timeless.

A knowing look across the church hall
Commences a friendship for years to come.
Her laughter and smile instantly erase
everything the decades have written on her face
And I see her, truly, as she is,
A kindred spirit of unbounding youth,
Whose cherished imagination and abiding faith
Colour the world with brazen majesty.
And there, she sees me too.

She is timeless.

A whirl of autumn splendour bedecks the path
That we slowly tread.
I look up at her as we hold hands and talk of dogs,
Triviality poorly masks the love we share.
The chill of the breeze is tempered
by the warmth in our hearts
as we gratefully absorb the wonders of the Lord.
We are both sad to see the other go
But we will be together again next Sunday.

She is timeless.

Voraciously we read and eagerly we share
All the world of words has to offer.
We delve deep into the minds of poets,
And press deeper into the hearts of prophets.
Together we are insatiable, we ask for no respite.
Always, we jest at solving the problems of the world.
Yet God's inexhaustible mystery keeps us humble.
His gentle hands cradle us,
Saving us from Icarus' fall.
Who are we that you are mindful of us?
Who are we that you care for us?

She is timeless.

Years pass by and now I look down at her.
But we have grown together,
With one another, in one another.
I am no longer a boy, but a man;
Yet she still knows exactly who I am.
The world sweeps me away and I see her less
Obligations and nonsense keep us apart
But when I think of her everything else is noise.
We always make time for us.

Editor's note: Matthew wrote this tribute to Margaret McQueen to read at her funeral. Matthew also paid tribute to Margaret during a special Sunday service in September, which, God ensured, Margaret was able to attend.



LET'S GO TO the Movies!

By Roy Hickman

Movie night will be held in the Kirk Hall on Friday, Nov. 25. Why not arrive at 7 p.m. to allow time for fellowship before the film starts at 7.30?

Everyone is very welcome. Just bring your own drinks and nibbles. Children attending will view a separate movie.

This month's movie is "Twelve Angry Men." Below is a synopsis:

The defence and the prosecution have rested, and the jury is filing into the jury room to decide if a young Spanish-American is guilty of murdering his father. What begins as an open-and-shut case of murder soon becomes a mini-drama of each of the jurors' prejudices and preconceptions about the trial, the accused and each other.



If you have any suggestions for thought- and conversation-provoking movie nights, please let Roy know at wilmah@cogeco.ca!



The children enjoy Rev. Barb's story on Rally Sunday before they return to Sunday school after their long summer vacation.

ADVENT CELEBRATES HOPE

By Lynn Lingard, Clerk of Session

The Christian season of Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas Day. This year it begins on Nov. 17. It celebrates the hope that Jesus' birth brought into the world.

God came down to dwell among us to reveal His grace and compassion through Jesus, His teachings of love and peace and His promise of eternal life. Jesus fulfilled that promise through his death and resurrection, so it is fitting that we celebrate Holy Communion on Nov. 27 in remembrance of His sacrifice for our sins.

Advent is meant to get us ready—not for the present-opening party but for the transformational birth of Jesus. Taking the time to focus on the meaning of the Incarnation and on our need for a Saviour will enrich our celebration of Christmas. Hopefully our journey through Advent will become a peaceful, God-focused experience during what is often a hectic holiday season.

Let us live in anticipation of His coming, enjoy the journey and share it with those around us through our actions and words.

May the light of Christ lead us to the joy of his kingdom.

Thank you PAT

It was a long time coming, but it was well worth the wait!

Our new church directory is a wonderful church family resource that I know we will refer to often.

On behalf of the congregation, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Pat Caldwell, our "communications director" who took on the directory project. She devoted a lot of time and energy to the project and 'religiously' attended the many photo sessions required to photograph our members.

Thank you also to Geof Haswell, who produced the beautiful photo that graces the directory's front cover.

We have so many talented members in our congregation. We are truly blessed.

Marsha Scott

WE GO WITH A HAPPY HEART!

By Marsha Scott

“We go with a happy heart!” was the summation by Presbytery representatives who visited St. Andrew’s on Nov. 3 to “learn about our journey as a congregation from the day Rev. Barb was inducted as our minister.”

Representing Presbytery were Rev. Wally Hong (Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church ministerial committee) and Marilyn Clark (the representative elder from Knox Presbyterian Church in St. Catharines).

The pair asked the congregation some pointed questions, particularly related to how we have been doing with Rev. Barb. Comments from congregational representatives attending the meeting were glowing. “The sun shone on us; we’re much happier,” said one. “She’s one of the most wonderful ladies I’ve ever met,” said another. Had Barb been there, she surely would have blushed.

The Presbytery representatives said they will prepare a report on the visitation for Session and that Session may choose to share it. “We will ask them to make it public,” said Rev. Hong. “If we have recommendations, we will put them in the report for Presbytery and you can vote on them.”

The discussion that evening was interesting, with Rev. Hong asking questions about everything from our service, congregational size and our St. Andrew’s vision to how we can “love” our elders and minister.

Blend of traditional/contemporary service

When a member of the congregation mentioned the blend of traditional and contemporary in our services, Rev. Hong responded, “Whether songs or prayer, what used to be old can become new again.” He also said “kids are looking for churches that are traditional.” He did caution that it’s best not to move too fast...or too slowly.

Congregational growth

When asked, one member cited the regular attendance at our services at

between 100 to 120. Rev. Hong said at our current size, a minister can spend a lot of time ministering to people without being overburdened. He added, however, that beyond that size, a congregation can lose “personalized interaction.”

Spiritual growth

Rev. Hong said we need to look at what we need as a congregation to become closer to God and to become a closer family. “People are not just coming for the strawberries.”

Buildings/facilities

When asked what improvements we would like to see, the gathering was silent. Evidently, we are happy with what we have.

Elders and minister

Rev. Hong asked what we would like to ask of our elders and minister. Do we see leadership? Do we want to see Session taking a leadership role on all matters, or on spiritual matters alone? He said Session is held accountable for everything and responsibility belongs to Session. And he said the minister belongs to Presbytery. The minister can moderate Session meetings, but cannot decide. Session makes the decisions. “Your elders are your servants, to listen and take your concerns to Session,” he said. “The minister is the facilitator to make things happen.”

Based on earlier meetings with the Board of Managers and Session, as well as the congregational meeting, Rev. Hong said it is clear that Barb is doing an excellent job.

How do we support/love our elders and minister?

We need to pray for them, encourage them and respect them. “Those are the things we would like you to think about as a congregation,” he said. He added that our ruling and teaching elders have to be loved by us.

Past disappointments with Presbytery

When one member said he had been disappointed with Presbytery in the past, particularly that Presbytery didn’t

visit more often, Rev. Hong responded, “We agree. We sucked!” He admitted that Presbytery has had a bad reputation. “Sometimes Presbytery came into the congregation and made you feel bad; it left a bad taste in your mouth.” He added, however, that Presbytery wants to do better.

In closing, Marilyn Clark said, “We care about you. We know you’re here. We have heard some wonderful things tonight and we will take that back to Presbytery.”



Rev. Hong

PRESBYTERY VISIT

By Lynn Lingard, Clerk of Session

The Presbytery has a policy of visiting a congregation two years after a new minister has been installed to make sure that all is well. On Nov. 3, it came to St. Andrew’s for our two-year check up and I believe we passed with flying colours. It actually was a very positive experience.

I was especially impressed with the congregational part of the visitation. More than 30 members came out in support of Rev. Barb and her ministry. They had to wait 40 minutes because the meeting with Session went into overtime, but they didn’t seem at all annoyed. They were an enthusiastic lot who couldn’t wait to tell the Presbytery how happy they were with Barb and the way she has positively influenced our congregation.

The harmony that we now feel within our congregation is a blessing that sustains us through difficult times. God bless our church family.

WELCOME *Ruth Denyer*



Ruth in France last May.

Look back, look way back. In a back pew in the far right corner of the church, you will find one of the newer faces in our congregation. She's Ruth Denyer, who grew up in the Presbyterian Church (St. Andrew's Humber Heights) and whose brother is currently the minister at Rosedale Presbyterian Church in Toronto.

Ruth admits that before she came to St. Andrew's, she hadn't gone to church in years. But when her husband was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer, she found herself turning back to God to help get her through his year-long illness.

"It was a horrible and very difficult time," she says. The couple had little support during that time because both of their families lived out of town and neither she nor her husband had a lot of friends in the area, having worked in Toronto for many years. Ruth's husband lost his fight with cancer in 2008 and since then, Ruth has had to deal with many challenges, including legal and financial issues with her husband's estate. She has no children or grandchildren.

"After my husband's death, I recognized the need for more community

in my life—including a faith community. I didn't know how to go about finding a faith community that I would be comfortable with and was advised to start my search with the religion I was raised in. So here I am back at the Presbyterian church again.

"Everything I have been through has served only to strengthen my faith," she says. "It's been tough, but I think I've proven myself—with God's help—to be tougher."

Ruth has a Master's degree in Library Science and is currently the manager of the Lakeview and Port Credit Branch Libraries of the Mississauga Library System; she is commuting to work from here. She has been a librarian for 28 years, 22 of them working in Mississauga. Before that she worked for Scarborough, Markham and Toronto public libraries and did a short stint as a corporate librarian.

She says of her current job, "I love the challenge of managing two library locations, problem-solving, coming up with new ideas for programs to serve the community, providing staff with opportunities for development and then watching them grow stronger and more confident with each success. Because I've been at these locations for many years, I've also developed relationships with so many people who live and work in the Port Credit and Lakeview communities. Both of my branches were closed last year for major renovations and both re-opened at the beginning of 2011. It was a huge amount of work, but to see the end product was wonderfully satisfying."

As attached as she is to those communities, however, she loves Niagara-on-the-Lake. She visited the town in 1982, but didn't move here until 1994. At first, she rented a house (beside Evelyn and Nelson Campbell) and then she bought some land in Chautauqua. When her father passed

away in 1995, she returned to Toronto to stay with her mother. It was during that time that she met her future husband. They decided to build a new house that looked like an old Chautauqua cottage on the property she had purchased. They moved into the house in 1997 and married in the living room of their new dream home.

"In order to live here and avoid the commute to my job in Mississauga, we did some crazy things," she says. "For several years we lived in our boat year-round at the Port Credit Yacht Club—even in the winter!"

Among Ruth's hobbies and interests are reading, gardening, attending theatre and exploring the Niagara region. "It's such a beautiful area. I love being active and am usually found on the bike path, cycling to Queenston and back; walking through town; snowshoeing on the frozen lake in front of Ryerson and Niagara Shores Park; and kayaking in the summer."

Ruth's dog, a 170-pound Newfoundland, died a year after her husband. "Mr. Bear" was a great companion to hike with, she says, and she always felt safe when they walked together on the Bruce Trail. When she retires in a couple of years, she would like to get another dog so she can take off on those long hikes again.

At St. Andrew's, Ruth says she has been given a warm welcome. She asked her friend Nancy Howse to meet her the first time she attended a service. "It's much less difficult when someone is there to welcome you and introduce you to others," she says. Lynn Lingard and Kathy Beigi also invited her and another newcomer, Barbara Code (interviewed for the September issue of the *Herald*, whose photo appears elsewhere in this issue), to lunch so they could get to know each other better. "It was so kind and thoughtful of them to do that," she says. "I've really appreciated it."

PAYING FORWARD MY BLESSINGS

By Wilma Hickman

Sometimes you receive a blessing that is so special that you want to pass it on. One such blessing came to me while I attended Cornerstone Church in Virgil.

I had just returned from the hospital after an operation when I had a telephone call from a church member asking what time Roy and I usually sat down to our evening dinner. Surprised at the question, I replied, "Around 5:30 p.m., but why are you asking?"

The response came, "Well, someone will come with a cooked meal for you tomorrow and every night for the next week. That way you can concentrate on just getting well."

I was so surprised. My initial response was, "Thank you, but really I am fine; I don't need it. I can cope."

But the meal came anyway at 5:30 p.m.—hot, wrapped in a cardboard box lined with towels to keep it warm. There was hot soup, bread, a wonderful casserole, vegetables and an apple crisp dessert with custard. All I had to do was set the table.

I was further touched that the children of the family that had so lovingly prepared this meal had drawn me a homemade get-well card and come with their parents to deliver the meal and chat for a few minutes.

Every night for the next week, another hot dinner was delivered to us. It is true that these dinners allowed me to just focus on regaining my health, without having to think about shopping and preparing a meal. But it was the feeling of being nurtured and loved that sustained me even more than the food. It was a true blessing that I will never forget.

In time, it was my turn to prepare and deliver a meal to other church members who were ill or bereaved, or otherwise in need. And it was a pleasure to share time with them and see how they too appreciated this kind gesture.

Now that I am at St. Andrew's, I

wondered if there is an opportunity for me to head up such a service—perhaps a little more formally than what is currently being done by many kind souls in our congregation. It would involve my having a volunteer pool of maybe 10 to 12 people who would be happy to prepare and deliver one meal to someone when the need arises.

I would love others to feel the blessing of being cared for in this way, as I was.

If you would be interested in joining me in this venture then please ring me at 905-468-8764, email me at wilmah@cogeco.ca or speak to me after church. If I get enough response, then I will go ahead and make a list of people on whom I can call, as and when the need arises. If enough people respond then I will know this is a service that would be useful and appreciated.



If their smiles are any indication, Wilma and husband Roy are happy to be with their new church family here at St. Andrew's.

It has been a very busy fall for the Women's Fellowship and WMS. We hosted five lunches, and will go to Chateau Gardens on Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. to sing Christmas carols and celebrate residents' birthdays. Anyone from the congregation who would like to come and join us is most welcome.

Festive Fare will soon be upon us as well. On Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, you're invited to visit the Kirk Hall to enjoy our famous homemade scones. Not only will you be able to do some Christmas shopping at our "one-of-a-kind treasures" room and at our "jams and poinsettia" table, but you can also stock up on your Christmas baking and meat pies as well. For the first time, there

will be a "gourmet Christmas cookie" table, where you can choose an assortment of cookies made by women of the Fellowship.

We are asking the congregation to please bake for our bake sale. The Kirk Hall will be open on Friday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. so you can drop off your baking.

This year's Festive Fare promises, once again, to be a wonderful way to get yourself into the Christmas spirit. Come along and bring your friends!



'BUSY BODIES'

By Lynn Lingard, president of Women's Fellowship

Family Album



Congregational members Martha Gleddie and Debbie Whitehouse have been running for years. In fact, Martha figures that she's been running and biking since she was 40. Debbie, by contrast, is a virtual newcomer—with only eight or nine years under her running shoe treads.

"Martha was my inspiration," says Debbie. "I started walking a lot after major surgery and Martha said, 'If you can walk, you can run!'" That encouragement paid off. On Oct. 23, Martha and Debbie ran the 10-kilometre race in the Niagara Falls International Marathon—the only marathon in the world that crosses an international border. (It is also a Boston Marathon qualifier.) Martha placed first in her age category (55 to 59) and Debbie ran a "personal best." Congratulations girls!

It's not the first time that the pair have participated in the marathon. They power-walked its half-

RUNNING for the "HEALTH" of it

marathon one year. Martha has also done the "Around the Bay Marathon" in Hamilton. Debbie's claim to fame is having run *Le Marathon du Médoc* in the Bordeaux Region of France. The race slogan is "The world's longest race" because there are 18 wine stops (instead of water stops) at châteaux along the way. The first prize is the winner's weight in grand crus (great growth wine). Unfortunately, Debbie didn't win first prize.

"Sometimes the stars align and sometimes they don't," says Martha. Of her most recent race, Martha says, "I really did feel good!" Debbie and Martha train separately and together. Martha runs four days a week and does cross-training on the other days. She says "I just love to exercise; that's my time to think, be with friends and solve the world's problems."

Debbie and Martha (with husband John) are long-time members of St. Andrew's. Debbie is the Senior Director Guest Relations, Gardens and Nature with the Niagara Parks Commission. Martha has been working for Niagara College for 14 years. The Gleddie girls, Sarah and Heather, grew up in the Sunday school. Sarah is a real estate agent and the office manager for Niagara-on-the-Lake Realty; Heather is the Organizational Development and Learning Advisor for Human Resources for the Region of Niagara. Martha's husband John is a chiropractor. Now isn't that handy?

God speed girls!



Twins turn three

A few weeks ago, Barbara and David Nattress brought twin grandsons Max and Elliott to church with them, and we couldn't resist this family shot. These precious boys turned three on Nov. 9, when Barb and David joined mom Christine and dad Marc in Newmarket for the boys' pirate birthday party—complete with pirate cupcakes that Barb baked, and a treasure chest of presents. "When the boys play games together they have to dress the part, whether they are firemen, handymen or pirates," says Barb. "They are lots of fun." Barb and David also have a third grandson, seven-year-old Keiran, who lives in Fenlon Falls. Right now, Keiran's dad, Andrew (Barb and David's son), is working in Fort McMurray, Alberta, so he sees Keiran only when he is home in Dunsford about twice a month. Keiran was baptized at St. Andrew's and now goes to church with Andrew in Lindsay when they are together. Barb says, "Keiran loves Sunday school."

CUTE COUSINS!



Alec

No wonder Sandra and Bill King are having so much fun being grandparents. Wouldn't you just love to meet three-month-old Alexander MacGillivray Stewart, son of the Kings' daughter Erin and husband Mike Stewart? Sandra says Alec, born in Vancouver, B.C. last July 31, is a "beautiful boy" and there's obviously not much question about that! From the expression on his face, he could have been looking at his older cousin, Orson, who, at 10 months, dressed up as Superman for his first Hallowe'en. Orson is the son of the Kings' other daughter, Peggy King, and husband Chad Davey, who live in Victoria. The Kings now boast four grandchildren. David King and his wife Jen Turner have two daughters, Sadie and Peggy.



Orson

Beppe and Pake... again



In our last issue, we profiled new member Barbara Code; however, we missed her photo because she was out of town visiting grandchildren. Just so you know who Barbara is, heeeeeeeere's Barb. The West Coast transplant is a welcome addition, not only to St. Andrew's, but to the soprano section of the choir. Welcome, once again, Barbara.

Jeannetta and Gerzinus Hoekstra have no competitors in the grandpa/grandma (beppe/pake in the Frisian language) department. When it comes to sheer numbers of grandchildren, they are the champions. They now have enough grandchildren to form two complete soccer teams, says Jeannetta, and she wants you to guess how many that is.

The most recent family additions are Selah Arienne Melissa, born last June 17 to son Klaas and wife Tanya; and Ezekiel Klaas, born on Oct. 4, to daughter Jacoba and her husband

Peter Doris.

"We are blessed and thankful to our Heavenly Father for two more healthy grandchildren," says Jeannetta, "and rejoice with the rest of our family about these new additions."

But why stop at two soccer teams? Why not an orchestra? The Hoekstras could aim for the smaller-sized chamber orchestra, or, more ambitiously, for a symphony orchestra (about 80 players). The latter may be a challenge, but at the rate the Hoekstras are multiplying, who knows? We all know that with God, anything is possible.



Jeanetta with Selah



Ezekiel

GIVING THANKS with "artful beauty"



Mackenzie Hunter

This lovely photo of Mackenzie Hunter was taken following the Thanksgiving service on Oct. 9. She and dad, Ken, were beginning to dismantle the Thanksgiving window in the sanctuary that was decorated by mom Julie, and Julie's mom Louise VanAtte. (Julie was working in the Sunday school nursery that day.) Also shown here is Nancy Burns in front of her gorgeous window. The sanctuary windows were decorated this Thanksgiving by Evelyn Campbell, Nancy Burns, Julie Hunter, Nancy Howse (and helpers), Betty Ferguson and Jodie Godwin (and family). We thank all of those who gave of their time and talents to decorate the church for Thanksgiving.

Top: Nancy Burns

Bottom: One of the Parker/Godwin family windows



Family Album, continued

For the health of it... and more

David, left, and Andrew Lingard raised \$1,500 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation in August when they took part in the foundation's "Ride for Heart."

The ambitious pair set out on Aug. 26 to bike from Montreal to Toronto in less than three days. By the second day, they had made it to Kingston, where this photo was taken. But after setting out from Kingston, David's bike broke down. He walked along the highway for an hour and eventually accepted a drive to Bowmanville to stay with his aunt, but was disappointed that he could not continue the ride.

Andrew continued to ride, however, pushing himself to complete 175 kilometres that same day. It took



him four days to complete the ride. The mitigating factor that prevented him from completing it in three was winds gusting up to 80 kilometres an hour, turbulence attributed to the Hurricane Irene post-tropical storm that knocked out power to 180,000 homes in Quebec (mostly in the Montreal area) before moving on to the East Coast. Bravo to both David and Andrew for their valiant effort for a great cause.



Desert nomad on the prowl

Beth and Lee Alma passed along this photo of this desert nomad, who left his camel on the street and wandered to their door on Hallowe'en night. Can you guess who he is? Nomads normally move from region to region in search of better living conditions (mostly abundant food and water sources). We're wondering if the Almas have a new tenant. Or is this the beginning of a new wave of wandering Presbyterians?

OBADIAH IS 'HOME' AGAIN

Obadiah Sahu, St. Andrew's adopted son, calls home every week to talk to his parents in India. "They are happy and rejoicing in the Lord," says Obadiah. "They have always supported me in what I do, but do they worry? I guess all parents do that."

Obadiah's parents need not worry. Their son is 'back home' in Niagara-on-the-Lake (in St. David's actually) with his adoptive family, as he continues his chef training at Niagara College. Obadiah moved into the home of Lynn and Peter Lingard the day after Thanksgiving. The Lingard home will continue to be his home base at least until he has finished the classroom portion of his training, which began Oct. 11.

His classroom work—with a focus on international cooking and other aspects of the hospitality industry, including marketing, costing and restaurant planning—is enjoyable and keeping him busy, says Obadiah. Each of his subjects requires the completion of projects, all of them done in teams of four to five students. And although working at a restaurant is not a mandatory part of his current training, the college does encourage students to do volunteer work at various restaurants to gain experience.

A lack of experience is not a problem

for Obadiah. During his long wait for student and work visas, he has accumulated many hours of experience working at Treadwell Farm to Table Cuisine in Port Dalhousie. That is the main reason that Obadiah has been living in St. Catharines for the past two years. Even as he pursues his classroom studies, he continues to work at Treadwell on some Saturdays and Sundays and is also baking on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (in the wee hours of the morning) at Willow Cakes and Pastries in town. Unlike his early days of work, he is now being paid.

"I don't know how he does it," says Lynn. "He is so busy all the time."

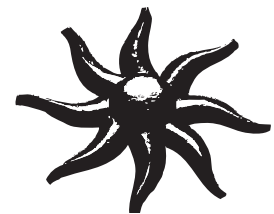
So are the Lingards, now virtual 'empty nesters,' who welcome Obadiah's presence. Lynn says, "Peter drives right by Niagara College every morning on his way to work. If Obadiah doesn't want to leave that early, either I will drive him or he will ride his bicycle. We are close to Niagara College and have a spare bed." They help Obadiah with other transportation to and fro. Lynn has even rejoined the choir, since she is now driving Obadiah to choir practice.

Obadiah will continue to sing in the choir when he is not working at Treadwell on Sundays. And Lynn has also recruited him to cook for this year's Progressive Dinner, sold as a silent auction item during the Strawberry Festival.

One of the things Obadiah has confirmed during his time in Canada is that he has chosen the right field in which to work. "I love this field; I want to continue. I am still learning right now, but I want to continue to develop my skills in every aspect of the kitchen."

Obadiah says he would love to visit home in India and will do that when the circumstances are right. In the meantime, however, "home" is where the heart is. And for now, Obadiah's heart is with the Lingard family... and with St. Andrew's.

"I would like to thank my church family for all their love and support, and for praying for me and helping me complete my education," says Obadiah. "God bless."



Above: Obadiah with kitchen staff at Treadwell.

Right: Obadiah baking at Willow Cakes and Pastries.



St. Andrew's Army

We have an army all our own at St. Andrew's as I found out when all came crashing about me when Tom died after a brief illness.

Rev. Barb arrived at the hospital late at night as I sat with Tom—she was just back from her holidays. Tom went into a deep sleep, and I decided I could go home and sleep and rest up for the next day. Rev. Barb drove me home.

Faith is so hard to define and I cannot say I found anything solid to shelter me from the terrible loss when Tom died. It had only been six weeks since he had gone to the doctor, yet I have to be glad for him that months of chemotherapy etc. never happened. Tom was very angry in the hospital—he went there for help and they did not make him feel better, never aware of how bad things were.

No words can convey the terrible loss when your partner of over 55 years is gone and you have to cope with changing the clocks and your 'expert' is gone! I may never be on time again.

Then the St. Andrew's Army took over. There were casseroles, pies, tarts and more. There was a list of people willing to drive me places and even more important, people willing to listen.

They do not hand out medals in this army, but as God knows who they are, they will be remembered. Thank you to all.

Jean Cochrane

Tom and Jean Cochrane enjoyed sharing their Rally Sunday lunch with friends Phil Landray, Dan and Anne-Marie Regehr and Nan Ford.



NOTES ON A PHILOSOPHY LECTURE

I think I exist, but I'm not quite sure ...
 Is this a table? Is this a door?
 What is this curled up on the mat?
 Until Descartes, it was a cat.
 Am I asleep, or am I awake?
 Perhaps it's just in dreams I make
 All the errors you see,
 And I will wake up to a perfect me.

Margaret McQueen

Mea culpa

In the history of the *Herald*, I don't think we have ever lost a photo of the thousands taken over the years. But, much to my chagrin, we lost a couple of very important pictures that were destined for this issue. My computer seems to have eaten them last time it crashed.

The saddest thing of all is that those photos cannot be retaken. They were of Jean and Tom Cochrane, with Nancy Howse and Abe Epp, unloading children's books at Epp Farms. The books were to be included in a container of goods for delivery to Jamaica. I am so sad that those photos disappeared. They marked one of Tom's final contributions to our church's outreach work before he died.

Tom's work will not go unappreciated. Jean and Tom's initiative (and the generosity of our congregation), will benefit many children in Rev. Alice Blair's parish in Jamaica.

Marsha Scott

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
 Sunday November 27, 2011
 at 7:30 p.m.

The evening includes **Advent and Christmas Anthems, Spirituals** as well as **Congregational Carol singing** accompanied by organ and brass quartet.

Participating Choirs:

St. Andrew's Church Choir
 Cantata Singers of St. Catharines
 Gerzinus E. Hoekstra, conductor
 Collegium Musicum Male Chorus
 Mendelt D. Hoekstra, conductor

Under the direction of
Dr. Gerzinus E. Hoekstra

*Free-will offering.
 Refreshments served.*

Lest We Forget

Anne Marie Regebr plays a moving piece on the harp for the Remembrance Day service.



Ian Ness proudly displays a wreath of poppies in remembrance of all those who have fought for our freedom.



Melanie Paines plays the Last Post on the trumpet during the Remembrance Day worship service.



Fiona Macleod reads the noted poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae on Remembrance Sunday.

UPCOMING, ctd.

Tuesday, Jan. 3
Session meeting
7 p.m., Kirk Hall

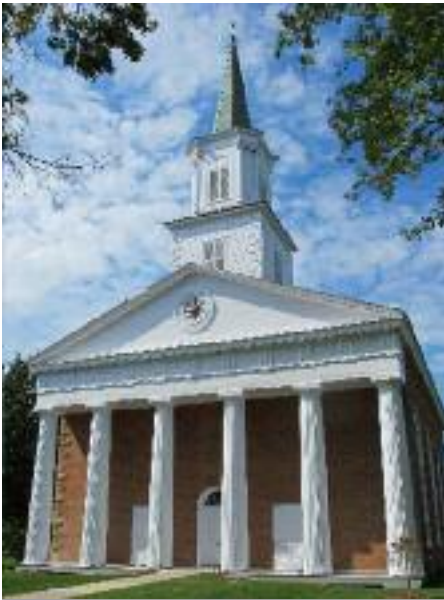
Sunday, Jan. 8
Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 5
Presbyterian World Service and
Development Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 19
Transfiguration Sunday
Heritage Sunday

Wednesday, Feb. 22
Ash Wednesday service
(Communion)
First day of Lent
7 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday, Feb. 26
First Sunday in Lent (Communion)



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UPCOMING at *St Andrew's*

Sunday, Nov. 20
Sunday Bible Study
9:30 a.m., Kirk Hall
(Weekly, all welcome)

Worship service
11 a.m., Sanctuary
Guest preacher Debbie Eke

Monday, Nov. 21
Bangers and Mash dinner
Kirk Hall, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 23
Women's Fellowship carol singing at Chateau Gardens, 2 p.m.
Extra voices welcome. If you would like to join our chorus, please speak to Lynn Lingard.

Thursday, Nov. 24
Choir practice
7 p.m., Sanctuary
(Weekly. New members welcome)

Friday, Nov. 25
Bible Study
1:30 p.m., Kirk Hall
(Weekly. All welcome)

St. Andrew's Movie Night
Film: 12 Angry Men
7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. movie start,
Kirk Hall

Saturday, Nov. 26
Sunday school Advent Party
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Kids, parents and grandparents welcome with R.S.V.P. to Nancy Howse or Kathy Beigi

Sunday, Nov. 27
First Sunday of Advent
11 a.m. Worship service (Communion)

Advent and Christmas Concert
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Advent and Christmas anthems, spirituals, as well as congregational carol singing. (See page 18 for more information.)
Freewill offering; refreshments

Tuesday, Nov. 29
Joint Board/Session meeting
7 p.m., Kirk Hall
Friday, Dec. 2
Drop off baking for Festive Fare
9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Kirk Hall

Saturday, Dec. 3
Festive Fare
9 a.m. to noon, Kirk Hall

Sunday, Dec. 4
Second Sunday of Advent (Doug Hunter organist)
Poinsettia Sunday

Sunday, Dec. 11
Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday school service
11 a.m., Sanctuary
Followed by soup and sandwich lunch, Kirk Hall

11th annual Rotary Christmas Choral Concert
Massed choirs
7:30 p.m., Shaw Festival Theatre

Wednesday, Dec. 14
Women's Fellowship and WMS Christmas luncheon
Noon, home of Lynn Lingard
1072 Queenston Rd., St. David's

Sunday, Dec. 18
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, Dec. 20
Board of Managers meeting
7:30 p.m., Kirk Hall

Saturday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve worship services
7:00 p.m. and 11 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday, Dec. 25
Christmas Day worship service (Communion)
11 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday, Jan. 1
New Year's Day Worship Service
Epiphany Sunday
11 a.m., Sanctuary

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