

Announcements for Sunday, March 9

Readings for Next Week

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 8:15 59 10:00 69 = 128

Givings

On the plate: \$ 4906

Auto Debit: \$2589

Bible Study

Bible studies are Thursdays at 1:30pm in the Fireside room. All are welcome.

Lenten Study

Give Up Something Bad for Lent resumes on Wednesday at 7pm in the Fireside room and online. Please make sure Rev Sharla knows if you need a zoom link.

Kitchener West Optimists

Kitchener West Optimist Club is holding an information night, at St George's, on Thursday March 20, to inform potential new members of what the club does, how we raise our money and where we spend our money. This is a good opportunity for members of the church that may be interested in helping out within their community to see what we are doing and if this is of any interest to them.

The meeting will include appetizers and desserts for all attendees and there is absolutely "no commitment" for attending the meeting. Our club extends an offer to all new members to join that we will waive member dues for the first six months of their membership, so they can try us out without having to make a financial commitment.

The Kitchener West Optimist Club would like to extend an invitation to all St. George's members to this meeting.

Please contact Bob McFadyen <mcfadyenbob@rogers.com> if you plan to attend.

Church Library

The church library is located in Thompson Hall. Do you have some interesting, challenging and appropriate books that you have read and would like to donate to the church library? Just drop them off on the table beside the wooden cabinet. We appreciate your donations for others to enjoy.

Mary Ann Millar

Librarian

Office closed

Valerie is away this week, so the office will be closed.

Bulletin Announcements

Please, submit your Bulletin Announcement to Valerie before noon on Thursday. Thank you for using the bulletin to share events or updates happening in the parish of St George's!

Posting for Lectors (Lesson Readers)

The April – June assigned readers list has been placed in mail folders. Please check it carefully to take note of the date or dates you have been asked to read as well as the special notes on the second page. Thank you – Cheryl Fox

Pancake Supper

Wow, we did it again!!! The Pancake Supper on Tuesday was an amazing success. We had over 30 fantastic volunteers for this important outreach project supporting our 2 foster children in Ghana and India. We served great food and had a lot of fun. We raised just under \$1600 that more than covers our annual cost of this project.

Thanks to the parishioners and community members that came out and supported us. We could not have done it without you !!!

OUTREACH FEBRUARY NEWS BYTES

St. George's Outreach – a community working together to do God's work

Collaborate to lead initiatives supporting those in need in our community

Aid to KW agencies

Reaching those in need in the world around us

Environment of caring

Your Outreach Committee has been very busy over the past few months. Thank you all so much for your caring and generous support. We have been able to accomplish together some amazing things in support of others in our community and beyond.

YWKW

Thank you all for your amazing generosity in donating items of clothing and toiletries to YWKW that support people experiencing homelessness. We were overwhelmed by the amount of donations to this important charity that is making a difference in many people's lives.

The totals contributed include 161 pairs of socks, 21 pairs of underwear, 17 bars of soap, 15 bottles of shampoo, 14 hairbrushes, 14 toothbrushes, 8 tubes of toothpaste, 7 bottles of bodywash, 6 sticks of deodorant, 6 pairs of mitts, 3 hats, 2 scarves and over 30 miscellaneous toiletry items.

YWKW staff were very delighted when we dropped off these items. Once again, our parish has demonstrated fantastic support of our community.

ST. ANDREWS CUPBOARD

Our Outreach Committee and the people of St. Andrews have been "blown away" by the amazing generosity and support that this program has received from you, our parishioners, over the past year. It is amazing that our church donated over \$9000 worth of food and household supplies that have been distributed to those in need. THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM!!! Thanks to Heather for collecting, sorting and delivering the donations to St. Andrews.

We would also like to thank the amazing Mabel King for her "time and talent". She knitted 28 woolen hats that were donated to keep the people that St. Andrews supports warm during the

cold winter weather. She was kind enough to knit them some slippers as well. THANK YOU MABEL!!!

SOUPERBOWL SOUP DONATIONS

Thanks to all of you who donated cans of soup, half went to the Food Bank and the other half to the House of Friendship. In total 490 cans of soup were donated that will make a difference in people's lives.

TIM HORTONS GIFT CARDS

A total of 159 \$5 gift cards were donated and blessed on the altar last Sunday. These cards will be given to St. John's Kitchen and will not only give many people an opportunity to have a warm-up drink but will also give them a break from the relentless cold that we have experienced this winter. Thanks to all who donated these gift cards.

SOUP LUNCHEON FOR AMAZONIA

Thanks to Charlotte and her crew that put together an amazing soup luncheon after our annual vestry meeting. There were 9 different soups and a splendid array of yummy sweets to enjoy. Thanks to the many volunteers that helped us to raise \$606 for our companion diocese in Brazil.

ALONGSIDE HOPE

This agency, formerly known as the Primates World Relief and Development Fund, provides many services to those in need around the world. This year, again, we will be offering a Lenten Coin Folder to those who would like to contribute to this amazing cause. These folders are available in the Narthex and funds can be donated in cash, cheque or via e-transfer. Please see Wendy Sherlock for details.

PLOUGHMANS LUNCH

Charlotte and her talented team will be providing us with an amazing lunch in the church hall March 16th after the 10am

service. Take out will be available as well. We sure love to eat at St. George's and the proceeds all go to good causes.

The Outreach Committee

Thank you for your continuing support! Your generosity has been amazing!!

Just a reminder, new members are always welcome. If you would like to get involved in Outreach, please contact Heather Murphy (519-998-4975) or Dianne McCandless (519-807-9205). ☺