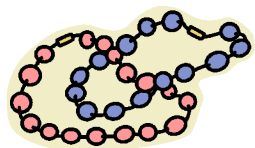


MISSION CAPSULES:

KENYA

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Margaret Evans as she works with the Shauri Yako Youth Support Centre in Nyeri, Kenya, a program supported with grants from Presbyterian World Service & Development. As their Youth Program Coordinator, Margaret counsels and trains street youth in life skills; teaches and leads bible studies; and organizes educational activities such as art, music, drawing, sports and outdoor expeditions. She also helps the centre organize HIV voluntary counselling and testing events and provide home-based care for people living with HIV. Let us pray for Margaret as she works to make a difference in the lives of young people in Kenya



Have Jewelry, Will Travel

I have bins of beautiful handmade jewelry made by the ladies in Uganda.

They are part of a project called *Caring Hands*. These ladies are working hard to improve their life and the lives of their families and communities.

If you are meeting with any group of ladies, four or more, I will come with the jewelry and they can look at it.

I also have a DVD about the project. If you wish your group could come to my home instead.

I can provide tea and coffee.

All the proceeds go to charity. Seventy percent goes directly to Uganda and thirty percent goes to the C.A R.E. project at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Stittsville. If you would like to learn more about this or want to book



And speaking of clocks, thank you to who ever donated the beautiful (accurate) new clock for the gathering hall downstairs.

NOTICES

"OPEN TABLE AT ST. THOMAS"

1619 STITTSVILLE MAIN STREET

Please join us for a community dinner

Saturday, March 20, 2010

(and the third Saturday of every month)

Doors open at 4:00 pm - Dinner at 4:30

Please enter by door at rear parking lot

EVERYONE WELCOME

ST. PATRICK'S SUPPER

Saturday, March 27

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Carleton Place.

Entertainment: "SIXPENCE"

Check bulletin board at rear entrance for more details



Thank you to all who came to support the Linger Lunch prepared by our youth last Sunday. The free-will offering came to about \$300.00 which was divided

between GRACEFIELD and 'C.A.R.E.". Special thanks to the Youth Group and leaders for the lovely lunch.

*Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited -
Until you try to sit in their pews..*

SESSION NOTES

A caring congregation of Christian faith, welcoming all, praising God, and seeking to do God's work.

Session met on Tuesday evening, March 2nd in the home of Elder Anita Wong and her husband Jean. We continue to open with Bible study that is relevant to our agenda or time of year. Session reviewed feedback from the congregation regarding services and events over the past month. The many joys and concerns of the Congregation are shared and kept in our prayers.

The Session was very pleased with the ACM held last Sunday. We believe that we were all admirably lead in worship by our children and youth who shared their many talents and gifts with us. The youth then fed the congregation with a wonderful linger lunch under the watchful supervision of the youth group leadership. Our congregational meeting commenced over dessert with approximately 75 members and adherents attending and was completed in approximately 40 minutes. If you have any questions or feedback on the ACM, please contact your Elder.

Today is a wonderful day at St. Andrew's as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and welcome 4 new Elders to their term on Session. Dawna Selby and Jamie MacKay will take their Elder Ordination vows and be joined by Bonnie Anderson and Gwen Argue for induction into our Session.

Your Session continues with strategic vision and planning work to look at St. Andrews in the next 5, 10, 25, & 100 years. The Session will meet in a half day workshop lead by Rev. Doug and Rev. Ruth Houtby to put some more detail behind our vision statement. There will be more on this important work in the near future.

Last month the Session reported there would be a special meeting with the Board of Managers & the C.A.R.E committee chair on Feb 23rd. The group reviewed the architectural concept presentation to ensure that everyone had a shared understanding of the proposal that was generated in response to our Congregational requirements. We then went outside where we found orange paint marks in the snow depicting the proposed addition. This virtual walk through our new building was very enlightening. We determined that most of the requirements still make sense, but highlighted one that is missing. It also allowed us to think about the implementation of the project and how some of the concepts will need to be implemented. The C.A.R.E. Fundraising Team believes they can now resume their activity on the march to our \$200,000 goal. At the end of that meeting a small working group was put in place with representatives from Board, Session, and the C.A.R.E. Fundraising Team to investigate the building steps and possible phases for the project.

Important dates to keep in mind:

- March 7th, 2010 – New Elder Ordination, Induction and Communion.
- March 15th -22nd – Rev. Doug Vacation
- April 12th – Session Meeting