



### **2016 ACCOUNT STATEMENT & TAX RECEIPT**

The Envelope/Account Statement for 2016 were mailed for your review. If there are any discrepancies please leave a message at 905 889 5931 ext. 22. 2016 Tax Receipt will be mailed before February 25, 2017

### **PRIORITIES, PROPOSAL & PARISH DAY February 11**

As we prepare for our Annual Vestry Meeting on February 26, our Clergy, Wardens and Advisory are seeking your input in a conversation about our plans for the next 3-5 years. Your response to-date has helped Canon Stephen to make revision to the draft priorities which were made available in November. An important aspect of these plans is the possible engagement of appropriate staff and funding as we boldly engage the future.

On Saturday, February 11 from 9 am to 12 noon (starting with breakfast), all members are invited to a Town Hall in the auditorium to share in this conversation.

Copies of the Priorities and Proposal will be made available by email, on the church's website and in hard copy for those who need it in that format. Please register at

[www.holytrinity-thornhill.ca/registration](http://www.holytrinity-thornhill.ca/registration)

on the sign up sheet outside the auditorium.

### **ANNUAL VESTRY 2017 February 26**

Our annual Vestry meeting will be held on Sunday, February 26 at 11:00 am. Please note that there will be only **ONE SERVICE at 9:00 am on Vestry Sunday**. Light refreshments will be served following the service. Copies of the Vestry Report will be made available by email, on our website and for pickup for those who are unable to access electronic copies. Items on the agenda will include:

- A Green Audit Report
- Our Priorities (2017-2020)
- Presentation of the Budget 2017
- Social Justice Vestry Motion –Calls to Action
- Eva Rea Fund – Amendment to By Laws

Please plan to attend.

### **PANCAKE SUPPER 2017 February 28**

Leanda Kirwan & Lucy Fields have offered to coordinate the Pancake Supper. They are looking for persons who are willing to assist with preparation set up & serving. Interested persons are asked to meet on a Sunday Feb. 5 after 10 service. Lucy will attend the 8 am service to speak to any volunteers for this event.

### **PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY**

The Remembrance and Hope service was well attended. For those who wanted the dove that they put on the tree, please see me and arrange to pick it up, so you can have it for your tree next Christmas. It's a tangible reminder of our loved one during the Christmas celebrations.

As your Parish Nurse, I'll now be giving a short talk on a health topic every third Sunday when I attend the service. For February 19<sup>th</sup>. I'll be talking about the effects Climate Change is having on our health. I am basing it on a report by the Ministry of Health. Also that day after both services, myself and another nurse will be available in the reception room to do blood pressure screening. Public Health has chosen February to focus on Heart Health, so get your blood pressure checked if you have any concerns, assess your activity level, and consider your eating habits, as you heed this reminder of how important our heart health is to our overall health and wellbeing.

Our spring luncheon will be in late April, early June, so watch for future up-dates. Winter is half over. I'm talking about spring already.

*Susan Rodgers*

### **A KNIT-NOTE FROM A KNIT-WIT**

HTC's Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to receive the most inspiring feedback - Check out this story shared by Susan Hogeboom...

*"My Relax & Stretch instructor is dealing with breast cancer - the second time around, undergoing chemo and losing her hair - again, but despite it all, never misses a class!*

*I thought I would give her a prayer shawl, even though she is Jewish, because we all have one God! When I presented it to her after our Monday class, she immediately put it around her shoulders. Upon leaving the gym I noticed that she was wearing her jacket on top of the prayer shawl.*

*The next week when I spotted her jacket hanging on the gym coat rack, I was surprised to see the prayer shawl still underneath! She told me that the shawl, wrapped around her under her coat, had afforded her great warmth and comfort the week before as she found herself outside for an extended period one cold night waiting to be picked up by her husband who'd been detained."*

*Cathy Pearson*

## PIKANGIKUM PROJECT

On Sunday, January 22, the Pikangikum Water Project fund raising team hosted its first Hot Dog Sunday. After the 10:00 am ACTION service, parishioners were treated to a hot dog for a minimum donation of \$2.00. This fund raising event was a success, the team netted over \$205.00 after expenses. Kudos to all those who supported this event by donating to such a worthy cause.

Special thanks to Murray Hogeboom who supported the ladies of the team throughout this event and to Susan Hogeboom, the brainchild behind this event. Members of the team are Ruth Briden, Jewell Coy, Susan Hogeboom and Linda Robertson.

Save your toonies, going forward Hot Dog Sundays will be hosted once per month and when ever there is an ACTION service. The team looks forward to your continued support.

We are committed to supporting the Pikangikum Project, helping to bring water into the homes in that community. This year, as we observe the season of Lent, Vestry consenting, we will invite members to put aside a "loonie or toonie" each day (40 days) which will be designated for this Project.

## DAILY EMAIL DEVOTIONS

Some emails have been receiving Canon Stephen's daily devotional. Everyone effort has been made to solve this problem with little success. If you were in the habit of receiving these emails and are no longer doing so, please use these additional sources.

[www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityAnglicanChurchThornhill](http://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityAnglicanChurchThornhill)

[www.canonstephenfieldsblog.wordpress.com](http://www.canonstephenfieldsblog.wordpress.com)

## PARISH BREAKFAST

**Saturday April 1**

As part of our aboriginal Call to Action initiatives, a parish breakfast will be held on **Saturday, April 1**. Our speaker will be **Dr. Kim Anderson**, Associate Professor in the University of Guelph's Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition. She is a Cree/Metis educator whose research focuses on gender and the health and well-being of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Her lecture is titled

*"Life Stages and Indigenous Communities: Memory, Teachings, and Story Medicine"*.

- 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am Lecture

Freewill donations will be accepted. For logistic purposes please RSVP at 905 889 5931 ext. 28. Thank you.



## ADVISORY BOARD SECRETARY

We are looking for a Secretary for the Advisory Board. This is a volunteer position in which Rebecca Jones has served for some time. There is an opportunity for someone to share in this ministry. There are four basic tasks to be carried by the secretary.

1. Attend the monthly Board Meeting (3rd Tuesday) except during the months of July and August
2. Record:
  - a. who is in attendance at the meeting
  - b. motions and decisions; both those carried and those not approved.NOTE: the minutes are decision-only, and do not record the full discussion
3. Post the documented meetings to the Advisory Board Dropbox and/or Website, as well as to Church Secretary for posting in the Church building
4. Send the Meeting Package to Advisory Board Members for the upcoming meeting

## RETHINKING RETIREMENT

**March 11**

How to stay mentally, physically, and spiritually engaged in this vital stage of life? You are invited to the inaugural **Christian Aging Conference** on Saturday March 11 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Tyndale University College & Seminary, 3377 Bayview Ave. Topics to be addressed:

- Healthy Aging, Retirement & the Spiritual Journey
- Ministry of Maturing Adults: Making a Difference
- Being & Serving Older Adults
- Role of Families
- Fear and Fun of Growing Older

Admission \$50 (**before Jan 31**), \$65 after this date includes lunch, coffee breaks & learning resources. Register at [www.tyndale/events/rethinking-retirement](http://www.tyndale/events/rethinking-retirement) or 412 226 6620 ext. 4206. See poster for details.

## NEW EXECUTIVE FOR THE ACW

At the recently held Annual General Meeting of our Anglican Church Women, the following were elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

President: Jean Glionna (assisted by Jane Winstanley)

Past President: Vivienne Hansford

Secretary: Anne Thomson

Assistant Secretary: Jane Winstanley

Treasurer: Enid Corbett

Assistant Treasurer: Susan Hogeboom

Hospitality: Robin Parravano & Kim Gordon

Publicity: Bari-Lynne Butters & Bobbie Creber

*Auxiliary Positions*

Housekeeping: Gladys Smith & Heather Rivett

Calendars: Jane Winstanley