

Welcome to the April 2008 issue of the St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, e-newsletter. Please take the time to review the details of our upcoming events and information items. If you need more information on any of these events, please contact the church office at 613-235-2551. Also, if you would prefer to be removed from the e-newsletter list, reply to the church office.

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## **COMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME** Session has decided that the regular worship time from September 1 to June 30 will remain as 10:30 am.

**OTTAWA PROCLAMATION** The entire Bible is being read over a period of 10 days at Dominion Chalmers United church, 355 Cooper St (at O'Connor). Between April 3 and 13 readings start at 7:45 am till 8:45 pm every day. Feel free to drop in at any time, listen to the reading and take a break from your fast-paced life.

**BOARD OF MANAGERS** meeting on Tuesday April 8 at 7:30pm.

**ENABLING A CULTURE OF STEWARDSHIP** Friday April 11, 7 to 9pm A presentation by Rev. David Ponting of Grace Anglican Church in Burlington and author of "From Scarcity to Abundance" followed by a short worship time. This event will be held at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, 130 Glebe Ave. Elders and Board Members of St. Giles are particularly encouraged to attend. Freewill offering.

**CARLETON PAUSE TABLE** Carleton chaplain, Rev. Tom Sherwood is operating a "Pause Table" during the exam period. A team from St. Giles will run the table on Wed. April 16th. Stressed by finances and exams the students appreciate this mission of caring. We need muffins, cookies, fruit bread etc. Also money to purchase juice, peanut butter, bagels and fruit. Bring your food to the lobby or kitchen on Sun. April 6 or 13 marked as "Carleton" Donations for "Carleton" can go on the offering plate any Sunday. Tax receipts are issued. For more information or to volunteer contact Stan Currie, 613-233-0538.

**RUMMAGE SALE** Saturday April 19 from 9 am to 4 pm. Bring your used clothing, books, household stuff etc. to the church basement any Sunday or weekday (call ahead) morning. Bags and boxes should be left near the coat-racks at the back of the hall. If you have larger items of furniture etc., keep them for the Great Glebe Garage Sale on May 24. We can use extra help on the day of the rummage sale, especially near the end, around 4:00 pm. Call Edna, 613-234-6358 or the church office to offer your help.

**REV. TERRY DEMPSEY**, Chaplain of **The Ottawa Mission** will be preaching on Sun April 20

**REV. TOM SHERWOOD**, Carleton Chaplain, will be preaching on Sun April 27

**ECUMENICAL MUSIC NIGHT** at Glebe St. James, on Thursday May 1

**ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY** May 4 A lunch will follow the service.

**OPEN DOORS** Sat. May 10 from 1 to 5 pm Gracefield Camp is the theme this time as we open our doors to all on a Saturday afternoon. Includes booksale & donations to support the Campership fund. Volunteers needed to greet our guests.

**VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND at Gracefield** May 17-19 Join a group from St. Giles to enjoy the long weekend at Gracefield. Hiking, boating or sitting quietly enjoying nature. Fireworks and group meals are enjoyed by all. Cost will be \$90 per person for food and accommodation with family rates available. You can also just come and join us for a single day.

**GREAT GLEBE GARAGE SALE** Saturday May 24. Volunteers are needed: Friday night to set out up sales tables inside and sort out items for outdoor sales table. Early Saturday morning to set up outdoors and move sales items from the basement. All day Saturday at sales tables, food tables, clean up at days end.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY will be held in Ottawa the first week of June at Algonquin College on Woodroffe Ave.** It is the big annual meeting of ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Assembly is held in a different city each year and this time it is at Algonquin College here in Ottawa. Churches send delegates on a rotation basis. This year it is St. Giles' turn to send an elder and Ian Stevenson is our representative. Other delegates coming to Ottawa for General Assembly include Rev. Ian Victor and Rev. Amanda Currie.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY - REGISTRATION DESK** Fri Sat /Sun May 30/June 1 weekend - St. Giles is in charge of the Registration Desk as delegates arrive at Algonquin College. Volunteers are needed to staff the desk on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We are also gathering items for a Welcome Kits for the 400 delegates. Contact the church office if you have a source for relevant information, pens, sticky notes or other items to include in the Kits.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Pre-Assembly Elders Workshop** Sat. May 31

**LUNCH AND RIDES** Sunday June 1st, for any General Assembly Sunday morning visitors to St. Giles - Delegates are invited to join local congregations for worship on Sunday morning. Please contact the church office if you could provide a ride on June 1 to any of our guests.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY - OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE** - Sunday evening, June 1st at Knox - Lisgar and Elgin.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

**LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY** Led by Rev. Ruth Houtby on Thursday mornings at 11am in the lounge at 174 First Ave. All are welcome. Info. 613-235-0910. Everyone is invited. You can come every week or whenever you are able.

**CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS** - St. Giles has two capital projects underway for 2008.

**(1) The completion of the Roof and Furnace Fund: \$33,000.** Treasurer-Robert Brien; Robert Brandon is responsible for the Furnace replacement (\$ 26,000); Isaac Ives is responsible for the painting of the church soffits and fascia ( \$7,000). About \$12,000 has been received to date.

**(2) Men's Washroom Fund: \$ 6,000.** Treasurer-Jean McNally; Robert Fournery is responsible for this project. \$ 1,000 has been collected to date.

**STEWARDS BY DESIGN** May 22-25, 2008 - St Giles applied and has been chosen to send a team to this conference on Stewardship presented by the Presbyterian Church in Canada and held in Niagara Falls. Team members are Rev. Ruth Houtby, Charlie Glennie, Jean Currie and Margaret Lavictoire.

This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about Stewardship, consider how it applies to St. Giles and meet with other congregational teams from across Canada.

**NOTICE BOARD** Don't forget to check out our big notice board near the coffee table downstairs. Interesting notices include a letter of thanks, with photos, from Major Mike Fejes, of the **Cameron Highlanders in Sudan** who received a care package from St. Giles. There is also a good article on **Gracefield Camp** from the newsletter of the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association.