

## St Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church

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# Celebrating *Music West's* **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** **Littler & Aston and Friends 2**

### *Featuring*

Anne-Marie Bergman, Heather Bonham,  
Dianne Britton, Sandie Cond, Ron Easteal,  
Barbara Elliott, David Hurley, Andrea Leyton,  
Cathy Dietrich Meyers, Dick Miller,  
Chris Scott and Neal Scott

*with*

**Frances Harkness**

**&**

*A Victorian-style Melodrama*

**Only A Parson's Daughter**

*or*

*Acquainted with the wages of sin*

**Friday, April 20, 7:30 pm**

*St. Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church*  
*1 Redden Street (Corner of Days & Front Rds)*

*Tickets:*

*\$20 regular; \$15 seniors / students; \$10 under 13*

### **NEWS & EVENTS: April 8, 2018 – Easter**

**Church Council** – Tue., Apr. 10, 7 pm, Friendship Room  
**Finance** – Wed., Apr. 11, 10 am, Friendship Room  
**Church & Society** – Wed., Apr. 11, 9 am, Friendship Room  
**Worship & Christian Ed** – Thu., Apr. 12, noon, Friendship Room  
**New Life Group** – Fridays, 8 pm, Lower Founders' Hall  
**Prayer Chain** – Timely, confidential prayer support for individuals, families and situations. To register a prayer request, contact Marg Arpin, 613-634-4052, or Louise Potter, 767-4554. Request forms are available on the Welcome Table.

### **USHERS, GREETERS, FELLOWSHIP**

**Ushers:** Bev/Al Gough  
**Greeter:** Clare Brett  
**Coffee Hour:** Kay Langmuir; Judy/Newton Douglas

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Ushers:** Graham Lodge; Charlie Garrah  
**Greeter:** Doris Decker  
**Coffee Hour:** Marjory MacMartin; Janny Gaveel; Carole Leith

### **WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME**

Welcome visitor, family, friend or newcomer. We are blessed by your presence today. Please join us after the service for refreshments. We have a guest book that you could sign and there is a card for any special requests in the back of your Hymn Book that could be placed on the offering plate. May you know G\*d's enfolding grace today and always.



## Mission Corner

### Organ Donation across “Enemy Lines”

Our gifts for Mission & Service support health and peace and the breaking down of barriers to peace. In the Holy Land, bringing ordinary Israelis and Palestinians peacefully together is extremely difficult in such a tense and violent environment. But the International Christian Committee in Israel (ICCI) does just that.

Along with Palestinian girls’ empowerment programs in Arab towns in Acre, the ICCI brings Palestinians and Israelis together through a variety of programs, from academic conferences to supporting inter-ethnic organ donation. As Hussam Elias, ICCI’s Executive Secretary, says, “Arabs and Jews are not ‘doomed’ to live together but *should* live together.”

The medical expenses related to organ donation in Israel are covered by the state; the ICCI raises awareness and organizes conferences to break down the social barriers and conflicting ideas about organ transplants that have been in place across cultures. Often, people only want to donate within their own ethnicity.

As a result of the support of the ICCI and other organizations, Israeli and Palestinian families come together in very unique, life-giving situations. One Arab youth was killed in a car accident, and his family donated his heart to a Jewish person; when the boy’s mother met the recipient, they hugged, and she said it felt like she was hugging her son. In another case, a Jewish family donated the liver of a relative to a young Arab man. When he got married, he invited his donor’s family, and the wedding photos show them all together as one big family.

As a piece of anonymous street art in the city of Haifa says, “This is for the organ donors, reminding us all that we won’t be strangers for long.”

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

### Request for Billet Homes

Four Winds Presbytery is hosting the Bay of Quinte Conference Annual Meeting at Trinity United Church in Napanee from April 27-29. Some of the Delegates attending the Meeting want to be billeted in a home for possibly 2 nights. Please consider hosting a Billet in your home, especially if you live in the Napanee area. Contact Doris Thomas thomasd@cogeco.ca or 613-770-5543 or Peggy Akey 613-331-1172 if you would be interested in being a host.



## Faith, Film & Fiction

In celebration of Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday the Faith, Film and Fiction group are discussing books and films with a Canadian connection during 2017/18. On Tuesday, April 3 at 6:30 pm we will be discussing the book *Three Day Road* written by Joseph Boyden (2005). We will also begin to make plans for our 2018/19 season. We meet in the Rainbow Room and everyone is welcome. Please come prepared to share book and film ideas for next season or contact Barbara Elliott with your suggestions.

### Stones Rolled Back

Bless you Wise and Holy One  
for caring enough to shake us  
until the stones that entomb us  
are rolled back.

Bless you for rolling back  
our fear of change  
our fixation on security  
our idolizing the familiar  
our distrust of openness  
our dread of dead ends.

Bless you for opening us to  
the challenge of change  
the opportunity in risk  
the adventure of the unfamiliar  
the soul-to-soul of being more open  
the new beginning in a dead end.

And bless you for your brilliant angel  
who sits upon our stone  
lest we be tempted to re-tomb  
and roll our stone back.

Shaker of Tombs, Roller of Stones,  
bless you for caring enough  
to shake us open. AMEN.

— *Psalm text by Norm Esdon*