Dear Friends,

Dunlop Church is holding a Gathering on Friday, 14th March, and everyone is invited. The Gathering is the focal point of our Stewardship Campaign. You can come to the Gathering in the morning, at 10.30 a.m. or in the evening, at 7 p.m. We will have various displays showing the work of Dunlop Kirk, as well as presentations on the work of the Church here in Dunlop and in the wider context of the Church of Scotland. All members and adherents of Dunlop Church are asked to come to one or other of these meetings, and everyone in the village and beyond is invited to join us for the morning or evening. Tea and coffee will be served, and a crèche will be available.

We are having this Stewardship Campaign because we have had a deficit of almost £7,000 in the year 2013. We therefore need to make sure that the givings of the congregation rise fairly significantly this year, to ensure that Dunlop Church is able to continue to do all that we do as a church.

You will see at the Gathering some of the work which we all do, in terms of worship, love, and service, to the glory of God. I know that everyone will respond to this Campaign with love and commitment, and I commend the Campaign and the Gathering to you.

Best wishes,
David Donaldson.

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**Guild**

The World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday, 7th March, at 10 a.m. for 10.30 a.m., in Our Lady and St. John’s Church, Stewarton. This Service has been prepared by the Christian women of Egypt. Everyone will be most welcome.

The Guild will meet on:
- Tuesday, 4th March, at 7.30 p.m. in the church hall. The speaker will be Christine Wallace.
- Tuesday, 18th March, at 7.30 p.m., in the church. This will be an interguild meeting, and will feature a ceilidh band and Mrs. Kitson’s dancers. Everyone is welcome.

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**Stewardship Gathering**

Most members of the church will by now have received their invitations to the “Gathering” in the Church on Friday 14 March. We look forward to seeing you at either 10.30am or 7.00pm to enjoy time meeting fellow members seeing displays of what the Church does and why it does it hearing of the Church’s needs as we face the future together and enjoying hospitality

Not a member? You would be most welcome if you came along to see what we do.

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**Children’s Summer Holiday Club**

Attention all Primary School age children! Help us to continue the Commonwealth Games for another week, from Monday, 4th August until Friday, 8th August. Join us in the Mure Hall, Uplawmoor, for the Summer Holiday Club, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. each day, when we plan to host our own Games Week. More details will follow. Please put these dates in your diary. If adults are willing to help, please let the minister know.

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**Youth Together**

The next meeting of Youth Together for the Dunlop and Caldwell churches will be a sleepover in St. Columba’s Church, Stewarton, from 8 p.m. on Saturday, 8th March until 9 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, 9th March. All young people are welcome. The project is Toilet Twinning!
Welcome Teams

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Creche Rota

| 2nd, 9th March | Marilyn Bell & Maureen Jackson |
| 16th March    | Marilyn Bell & Isobel Kerr    |
| 23rd, 30th March & 6th April | Elma Mitchell & Jennifer Smith |
| 13th, 20th & 27th April | Elaine Davison & Linda Gillon |

W.R.I.

WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH

A TALK ABOUT DIABETES
By Carol McMaster

Competitions: 3 Empire Biscuits
A Baby Hat (given pattern)


Sunday Morning Services:

Sunday, 16th March: Preacher: The minister. Reader: Elizabeth Garrity Flowers: Margaret Hunter

The Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, 2nd March, immediately after the Morning Service.

Two day - Stained Glass Workshop

Dunlop Church -12th and 13th April

Eilidh Keith, a graduate of the Glasgow School of Art, and a well respected stained glass and leaded light expert, will be the tutor for what will be an interesting and creative one and a half day workshop.

Eilidh will introduce you to techniques for creating leaded and copper foil panels. You will learn about design colour, light, cutting glass, leading, copper foiling, soldering and finishing.

Participants will be given technical demonstrations and receive one to one tuition. By the end of the workshop you will have designed and constructed a small stained glass panel.

The course, which is for adults only, is suitable for beginners and those with previous experience.

Course times - Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday afternoon

Cost £60 Numbers limited to max 8 so book early!

Further details - Fiona Thomson 01560 486715 Carolyn Blyth 01560 484846

Sunday School ‘Jar of Grace’ Appeal - The Sunday School are raising funds from now until Easter for UNICEF’s ‘Jar of Grace’ appeal. This year the appeal will be supporting UNICEF’s work in trying to eradicate vaccine-preventable diseases, from which a child dies every 20 seconds. If you would like to help, please save some coins in a jar before a meal and take a moment to remember less fortunate children around the world. Please hand in your jars to the Sunday School any Sunday before Easter. Many thanks.
Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice

Bagpack in Asda on Saturday 21st June 2014

Please note that the date offered by Asda for our annual Bag-pack event is 2 months later than usual this year.

However the Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice hope that you may still be available to offer your assistance in June to help us raise funds for a very worthy cause.

If you would like to become a bag-packer then please contact either Andrena Reid on 01560 483696, otherwise a committee member will contact those people already on the list nearer the date.

Dunlop Community Cinema

Upcoming Films

This month, we are pleased to show the following films:

Sunday 9th March 3 pm Frozen (Bafta and Golden Globes winner for Best Animated Film; Oscars 2014 Best Animated Feature nomination)

Please note: this is to replace the proposed 9pm Saturday screening.

Friday 21st March 7.30 pm Grand opening for the new equipment! We will be showing Gravity (Bafta winner for best film & best director; Golden Globes winner for best director; Oscars 2013 Best Picture, Best Actress and Best Director nomination)

There is now a loop system installed with the cinema.

Film Club

In addition to the usual Dunlop Community Cinema screenings, we are planning to launch Dunlop Community Cinema Film Club in April. Its aim is to show less familiar films, including foreign language films and independents, such as Nebraska, The Hunt, The Great Beauty and The Selfish Giant.

To find out more, or to become a member, email susanjscott@btinternet.com

Dunlop Primary School Parents Association

Our latest fund raising event will be held on Sunday 16th March 2014.

We will be hosting "Afternoon Tea" from 11.30 till 3.00 in the Village Hall.

Tickets will be £5.00 for adults and £3.50 for children and can be bought in advance from Lindsay Hamilton (07712 033440) or Carol Blackmore (07718 065915). Tickets can also be bought on the door, however, it would be easier if we knew numbers in advance so we don’t run out of cakes!!!

Please come along for tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes, wine if you fancy (additional cost) and some afternoon entertainment.

EVERYONE WELCOME!
Dear Mr Donaldson

On behalf of East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action, sincere thanks to members of the congregation of Dunlop Church who donated toys this Christmas. These gifts have been distributed among homeless and needy children in our area, children who would otherwise have had nothing or very little to open on Christmas morning. Those who delivered the parcels have been greatly moved by the heartfelt thanks of the families, and their appreciation for the kindness of members of local churches.

Parcels have been delivered to around 350 children, including those in temporary homeless accommodation, They have been distributed to needy families by the staff of Women’s Aid, Action for Children, Barnardo’s, health visitors, school nurses, and local nurseries and childcare services.

We have through your congregation’s generosity also delivered food packs to the hostels for the homeless in Kilmarnock and Cumnock, as well as those in temporary homeless accommodation, so that the residents will have a meal on Christmas Day. Again we know how much this is appreciated by those who otherwise would have had little or nothing to eat on Christmas Day.

You can be assured that your generosity has brightened Christmas for many families and individuals in our community.

Thank you also for all the generous donations of toiletries throughout the year. Your support of our work is invaluable, and we appreciate it very much.

Yours sincerely

Janice Grant
Secretary
East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action

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Introduction - EACHA’s New Project Co-ordinator – David Quinn

I feel very privileged to have been entrusted with the position of Project Co-ordinator for EACHA from 1st January, 2014, and look forward to working within a very successful TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) of volunteers developing our projects to benefit the most vulnerable and marginalised member of our community.

A highly experienced and successful Training Consultant and Sales Manager, I have worked in both the private and public sectors of employment. With a wealth of experience in project management, recruitment, training and development, marketing and networking, I have worked on government funded training programmes, had a successful 22 year career within the media industry, holding the position of Advertising Manager at The Kilmarnock Standard and sister papers The Ayrshire Post, Irvine Herald and Ayrshire World, and have worked in contact centres. I have even sold cars for Arnold Clark for a short period of time. In my early career, I worked at Ayrshire & Arran Health Board as a cashier and for the old Ayr County Council as a clerical officer.

I have been involved with EACHA for over 18 months, working at the Wednesday Drop-In Centre as a volunteer, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have made many friends along the way. I plan to spend time getting to know the many excellent volunteers, and to offer support and training to enhance the good work we are doing. As we move forward with EACHA projects, I plan to improve the understanding and raise awareness of homelessness issues, develop one to one befriending, introduce fun activities to The Drop-In Centre and Blue Triangle and encourage partnerships within the local community. My main priority will be to maintain a welcoming, safe and dignified environment for our friends, embracing Scottish Churches Housing Action vision of “There can be a Scotland Free Of Homelessness” – EACH PERSON MATTERS!

If you would like more information on EACHA Projects, or to discuss volunteering opportunities, please contact me – Email: davidquinn9@yahoo.co.uk or Mobile: 07779 237318.

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**The Village Hall Gallery - Art Exhibitions**

The exhibition by Eoghan MacColl ends on Thursday, 13th March so there is still time to see his paintings. The next exhibition is by Evelyn Hamilton, an amateur artist from Kilmarnock, and opens from Friday, 14th March until Thurs 10th April. Please come along to the cafe or other events for an opportunity to see Evelyn’s artwork.

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Garnock Valley Rotary Club
in conjunction with
Dunlop & District Community Company
Proudly presents -

**‘An evening with Piggery Brae’**

A get together of music, humour and patter.

In the village Hall on Friday 28th March 2014
At 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.
Tickets on sale soon at Normans and the Post Office.
Tickets are £12.50 per head including a fish supper (from the Chip Box, Stewarton) at approx. 9pm (half time in the show) or £8.50 per head for the show only.

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Dunlop Diary Deadline for April 21st March
Tel: 01560 482966 Email: douglasbell@talktalk.net

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LODGE DUNLOP CALEDONIA No. 1408
A Way of Life and a Moral Education

The Regular Meetings during March are held on Thursdays 13th and 27th at 7.30 pm
In The Village Hall
Visitors Welcome