

**WELCOME BACK** Pastor Jonathan (and family) and Heather C. to the church offices following summer vacation! All are glad to be back at work and heading into a busy and vibrant 2014/2015 church season! **MANY THANKS** to Lynn L. and Bob B., who led worship in Pastor Jonathan's absence, as well as Corrie H. and Will G., who filled in for Heather in the church office. A GREAT job done by all!

**OUR CONDOLENCES** are offered to Mary A. on the passing of her brother last week. Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers.

**REVERSE OFFERING:** Today, we are conducting a "reverse offering" during the service. Please take a slip of paper OUT of the collection plate when it is passed. A food item needed for our food bank will be noted on the slip of paper — please add this item to your weekly shopping list and bring the item to church with you next Sunday! This is a unique way to help us in supplying the items most needed by the neighbours who require our assistance. It also prompts us to thank God for the blessings and bounty we all enjoy. What a fun way to share God's love with others!

**RALLY DAY IS TODAY!!!** Join us on the church lawn following today's service! There will be games and a BBQ lunch provided. All are welcome to take part in this event to kick off the Sunday School Program and fall worship. Please come and join in the fun!

Just a **REMINDER** that **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS** must be submitted to the church office by Wednesday, at 10:00am, for inclusion in the announcements for the following Sunday.

**MISSION/OUTREACH MEETING** will be held on Monday, September 8th, 7:30pm, in Emily's office (Archive Room), upstairs.

**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** reconvenes on September 16th, at 7:30pm, in the Parlour. We will be studying the book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 1.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** reconvened this week, on September 3rd! We meet in the church Parlour, on Wednesday mornings, at 10:00am. Please feel welcome to join us! After finishing the book of Leviticus, we will study the book of Numbers.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Community Outreach Drop-In Fridays throughout the fall, 12:30-2:30pm, as follows:

- Friday, September 5th
- Friday, September 19th
- Friday, October 3rd
- Friday October 17th

If you are interested in assisting, please speak further with Emily Fern!

Our friend, the Rev. Dr. **ALD.**, will be celebrating his **80th BIRTHDAY** this month! There will be a luncheon on Sunday, September 14th, following the church service, from 11:30am to 2:30pm, in the Hall. The food will be provided by the Royal Canadian Legion, Whitby Branch. All are welcome to attend and socialize with friends and family. Best wishes only.

The **3rd ANNUAL PRESBYTERY OF PICKERING GOLF TOURNAMENT** will be held on Thursday, September 25th, at Whispering Ridge golf course, at 1:00pm. Tournament entry fee is \$130 per golfer, which includes a light lunch (at 12:00pm) and a dinner banquet following the day of golf. Each participant will receive a \$50 receipt for income tax purposes. Proceeds from the tournament will go to support the Presbytery of Pickering's Syrian Refugee Project. Registration forms can be found on the table in the Narthex. Golfers in the congregation are encouraged to get a foursome together and enjoy the day!

**MATTANIAH CHRISTIAN MALE CHOIR**, under the direction of Herman den Hollander and organist Andre Knevel, will present a “*Thine is the Glory*” concert, which will also feature special guest soloist, Dr. Benjamin Ho. The concert will be held on Friday, September 26th, at 8:00pm, at Hebron Christian Reformed Church, located at 4240 Anderson Street in Whitby. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$25 per family. This is a benefit concert for Durham Christian Homes long-term care facilities.

**A BABY SHOWER FOR ANDREA L.** has been planned for Saturday, October 4, 2014, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, in the church Hall. All are invited to attend this special occasion. Andrea is registered at Babies ‘R’ Us and at Sears. The theme for the nursery is Winnie the Pooh, with main colours being pale green & yellow. If you are able to attend, please contact Cathy R., Andrea F., or Patricia B. There is also a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SUPPORT PROGRAM (Mission Room):** Please take the time to look at the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary doors, above the donation bin. There you will find updated information about our most needed items, as well as a handy shopping list for the month. You will also find information re who is using our program and when we are hosting our next drop-in date. Thank you for your continued support of this ongoing program!

## **CATECHISM for TODAY**

The following question(s) come from “*A Catechism For Today*” booklet published by “A committee on church doctrine, The Presbyterian Church in Canada” in 2005. Each week, for the 52 weeks of the year, there will be questions printed in the bulletin announcements, taken from the total number of 141 questions in the booklet. If you want to move along more quickly, complimentary copies of the booklet are available through the church office.

### **QUESTION 40: HOW DID JESUS FULFIL THE OFFICE OF PROPHET?**

**ANSWER:** A prophet is one who speaks for God. Jesus is himself God’s Word to a needy and broken world. He proclaimed and lived God’s love and justice, spoke God’s truth, and announced God’s coming reign.

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:** Lk 7:15-16; Mk 1:14-15; Lk 4:24; Lk 4:16-23, 13:31-35, Jn 7:40-41, 17:6-8; 1 Thess 2:15

## **COMING EVENTS**

Sept 7th	— following service	<b>RALLY DAY BBQ &amp; Corn Roast!</b>
Sept 8th	— 7:30pm	Board of Managers Meeting, in the Parlor
Sept. 8th	— 7:30pm	Missions/Outreach meeting, Archive Rm (upstairs)
Sept 9th	— 7:30pm	Sunday School Teachers meeting, Room 8
Sept 9th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance start up, in the Sanctuary
Sept 10th	— 7:00pm	Session Meeting, in the Parlour
Sept 11th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 14th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship service, in Sanctuary
Sept 15th	— 7:30pm	Sunday School Helper/Nursery meeting, in Parlour

Sept 16th	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Sept 16th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 17th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Sept 18th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 21st	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in Sanctuary