

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, November 20th 2016

Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy **BAPTISM**, as Jason & Tania M. bring forward their son, Jace Austin, to be consecrated to God. We welcome their families and friends, and we rejoice with them on this special day!

Yes, Christmas will be upon us sooner than you think! As such, we are soliciting articles, stories, general interest pieces and jokes for the upcoming **CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER!** As we have done in the past, we are looking for input from our regular contributors AND anyone else in the congregation who has something to offer. All submissions are appreciated, and are due by Sunday, November 27th!

The **DUTY ELDER for NOVEMBER** is Al C! The Duty Elder is responsible for staying in the Sanctuary following Sunday's worship service to see if there is anyone in need of prayer or assistance. Should you wish to pray or speak with the Duty Elder, please remain in your seat following the service and the Duty Elder will come to you.

The **NEW IPC PHOTO DIRECTORIES are in!!!** If you have not already picked up your new church photo directory, please see Heather in the Church Office. Please keep in mind that **only those** who had their photo taken for the directory are entitled to a free copy. Once all free copies have been distributed, we should have a handful left over for purchase, at a cost of \$12.50; otherwise, printed copies of the church roster are always available through the Church Office.

The **MATTANIAH CHRISTIAN MALE CHOIR and the HOSANNA CHOIR**, under the direction of Herman den Hollander and organist, Andre Knevel, will present a Prince of Peace, Immanuel Concert on Friday, November 18th, at 8:00pm, at Hebron Christian Reformed Church, located at 4240 Anderson St., in Whitby. Admission is \$10.00. This is a benefit concert for Glen Hill Terrace.

Come out and join the Board of Managers for some fellowship as we help to keep God's house clean by **RAKING UP THE LEAVES** in our yard! We will gather at the church on Saturday, November 26th, from 9:00am-noon. Everyone, young and old, who wants to have some fun and fellowship is welcome! This is also a great opportunity for any youth looking to earn some community hours. Bring your rake, some gloves, and your enthusiasm! Leaves will be provided!

Hot on the heels of the Chili Cook-Off, the **SOCIAL COMMITTEE** has been hard at work planning the next social event—**BOWLING!!!** Mark Saturday, November 26th on your calendars! This social event will take place at Ajax Bowl (172 Harwood Ave S.), from 1:00-2:30pm. The cost is \$5.00/person, and space is limited to 54 people. Sandwiches and beverages will be provided, and the concession stand will be open. If interested in participating, please see the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table!

Also on Saturday, November 26th, from 10:00-11:30am, we will be **DECORATING THE CHURCH** for the Advent/Christmas season! If interested in helping out, please speak with Cathy R.

Join us for a **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** on Saturday, November 26th, from 11:00am-2:00pm, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 115 St. Andrew's Road, Scarborough. The luncheon theme is "*Light! Sunbursts of great light,*" and leadership will be provided by Tori Smit, Regional Minister for Faith Formation for CNOB Synod. If interested in attending, please RSVP by November 15th to Katherine Allen, (416) 425-4847, or **katherineallen@sympatico.ca**. The menu will include ham, scalloped potatoes and dessert!

St. Mark's Musical Players present... **"MY FAIR LADY!"** All are welcome to attend this year's musical production on...

- Wednesday, November 30th, 7:30pm
- Thursday, December 1st, 7:30pm
- Friday, December 2nd, 7:30pm
- Saturday, December 3rd, 4:30pm

Many people in our community look forward to St. Mark's annual production, which has a reputation for being very well done. Tickets are available through their church office, (905) 668-3091, or at the door, by free will donation. (Suggested ticket price \$20/ea)

PRAYER CALENDARS for the months of November/December are available on the table in the Narthex for you to pick up! Please join our Sunday School kids in praying for each other and for each other's families!

COMMUNION DATES for 2016:

- Sunday, December 4th

LIVING FAITH

In every generation, the church needs to confess its faith anew. That confession must, at one and the same time, be the ancient faith of the church and yet spoken into the mood and questions of its own time. "LIVING FAITH" endeavors to do that. This *Statement of Christian Belief* was prepared under the direction of the Committee on Church Doctrine of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It has been received by the General Assembly of the church and commended as an acceptable statement, and as useful in both worship and study.

CHAPTER 4.3.3-4.3.5: The Holy Spirit Forms and Equips the Church

The presence of the Holy Spirit is seen in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, loyalty, gentleness and self-control. The Spirit blesses us with various gifts. We seek to discover those gifts and to use them for our Lord.

Faithful, loving service is a sign that the Spirit is present. The presence of the Spirit is evident where people are made whole, encouraged, and enabled to grow in Christ. Come, Holy Spirit!

COMING EVENTS!

Nov 20th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
Nov 22nd	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Nov 23rd	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Nov 24th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Nov 25th	— 1:00pm	Community Outreach Food Bank, in the Hall
Nov 26th	— 9:00am	Delta Kids Club, in the Hall
	— 9:00am	Leaf Raking, on the church lawn
	— 10:00am	Christmas Decorating, in the building
	— 11:00am-2:00pm	Christmas Luncheon, St. Andrew's SCARBOROUGH
	— 1:00pm	Social Club Event—BOWLING, at Ajax Bowl
Nov 27th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
Nov 29th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Nov 30th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Dec 1st	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 3rd	— 9:00am	Delta Kids Club, Room 1 (downstairs)
Dec 4th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary

LIBRARY

*****RECOMMENDED READING*****

“More than Money” by Calvin T. Partain: We live in a culture where apps and online calendars manage our time, events, and banking. But all this management will be meaningless in eternity unless we have applied the biblical principles of stewardship to every aspect of our lives. *More than Money* offers a modern day, relevant perspective that empowers you to apply the concepts of whole-life stewardship.

“Encountering Angels” by Judith MacNutt: What role do these heavenly beings play in our life today? The goal of this volume is to demystify the realm of the angelic and to bring you into greater understanding of the angels function in God's plan of salvation. You'll learn how to be equipped to do the work of ministry by partnering with God and His variety of angels.

“Break Through Prayer” by Jim Cymbala: Many people are missing the great things God wants to do in their lives because they don't know how to receive answers to their prayers. Not a step-by-step guide on how to pray, *Breakthrough Prayer* is an inspiring vision to move you to greater hope as you see the tremendous potential of prayer. *Breakthrough Prayer* explores questions such as: What is the connection between how you live and how you pray? What are the prayers that really have power with God? How can you learn to recognize God's answers to your prayers? Jesus said and did only the things he received from the Father. When you do the same, the real potential of your life will unfold, and prayer will enable you to receive all that God has for you.

“Spiritual Warfare in a Believer's Life” by Charles Spurgeon: Spurgeon was a seasoned veteran in meeting Satan at every corner and defeating Satan in the power of the gospel. But in keeping with his practical style, there was nothing abstract, ethereal, or mystical about Spurgeon's teaching. He directed his focus to where he found Satan at work in the lives of people - enslaving them in sin, keeping them from the influence of the gospel, hindering their spiritual development, bringing discouragement, depression, and moral failure. These life-changing messages of Spurgeon will meet you where you live and help you become more than a conqueror in spiritual warfare.

“How to Pray for Healing” by Che Ahn: This book is an account of the author's personal journey through healing and into a healing ministry. With a simple and down-to-earth style, the author demystifies the idea of healing the sick through prayer. His goal is to encourage others to use the power of prayer as a main line of defense. He explains the basic theology of healing and how to pray for yourself and others. There is also a section that discusses the times when God does not heal. Should we always expect healing? This introduction to the subject of prayer and healing balances the miraculous with the practical.

*****PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO VISIT THE ST. ANDREW'S LIBRARY TO PERUSE THE GREAT BOOK SELECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU!*****