

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 2016**

We have a few **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** wishes to go out this week, as follows:

- **Vicki S.**, celebrates her 29th birthday on November 30th!
- **Dorothea J.**, also celebrates her 29th birthday on December 1st!
- **Nathaniel W.**, turns 13 years old on December 1st!

Best wishes to all for a wonderful 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 — the deadline for getting your contribution into the church office has been extended to **Wednesday, November 30th!**

Please pick up a few **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS POSTCARDS** from the Narthex table! Feel welcome to hand these postcards out and invite your friends and/or family to join us at St. Andrew's this Christmas season!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2017** are now available for pick-up in the Narthex, after the service, if you have not already done so. If you have never used the numbered/dated envelopes and would like to do so, please speak with Christine S.

I would like to thank the congregation for their cards and prayers for Art and I in these last few weeks. Art is now in the G5 unit of Lakeridge Hospital. My daughter and I have been able to visit him. Art is calm and stable. He will remain there until a suitable long-term care facility can be found. **WITH THANKS** for all your care and kindness. —  
*Thelma J.*

Please see the **POINSETTIA ORDER** FORM included with your bulletin this week! Each year, we decorate our Sanctuary with this seasonal flower, in memory of our loved ones. These 6-inch, red, standard poinsettias are \$10.00, and orders should be submitted to the church office **no later than Sunday, December 11th.**

**THANK YOU** to Cathy R. and her Christmas decorating team! The Sanctuary looks welcoming and festive for the holiday season!

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.

**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)

Please join the Social Committee for the St. Andrew's **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & CAROL SING**, on Saturday, December 10th, at 6:00pm. Come out and celebrate the Christmas Season by sampling each other's best dishes and joining together in song! If you are interested in attending, please see the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table — be sure to note what you are bringing for the potluck! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**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 5.1: The Bible**

The Bible has been given to us by the inspiration of God, to be the rule of faith and life. It is the standard of all doctrine by which we must test any word that comes to us from church, world, or inner experience. We subject to its judgement all we believe and do. Through the Scriptures, the church is bound only to Jesus Christ its King and Head. He is the living Word of God to Whom the written word bears witness.

**COMING EVENTS!**

Nov 27th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Jr. Handbells Choir 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
	— 7:30pm	"My Fair Lady," St. Mark's United Church, Whitby
Dec 1st	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	"My Fair Lady," St. Mark's United Church, Whitby
Dec 2nd	— 7:30pm	"My Fair Lady," St. Mark's United Church, Whitby
Dec 3rd	— 9:00am	Delta Kids Club, <b>Room 1 (downstairs)</b>
	— 4:30pm	"My Fair Lady," St. Mark's United Church, Whitby
Dec 4th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Jr. Handbells Choir practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 5th	— 7:30pm	Board of Managers meeting, in the Parlour
Dec 6th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Dec 7th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Dec 8th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 9th	— 1:00pm	Community Outreach food bank, in the Hall
<b>Dec 10th</b>	— 9:00am	Delta Kids Club, in the Hall
	— <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>St Andrew's Christmas Potluck/Carol Sing, in the Hall/Sanctuary</b>
Dec 11th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Jr. Handbells Choir practice, in the Sanctuary

## **LIBRARY**

### ***\*\*\*ADVENT IS HERE AND SO ARE A FRESH LIST OF BOOKS FOR YOU TO ENJOY!\*\*\****

**“The Purpose of Christmas” by Rick Warren**: Regardless of your religious background, you need to know how the three purposes of Christmas solve your three greatest needs. Understanding and receiving God’s Christmas gifts to you will transform your life...forever!

**“All Is Calm, All Is Bright” by Cheryl Kirking**: Capture the spirit of Christmas with this collection of more than forty true stories, each one a tribute to the power of God to bring peace, joy and love into every life.

**“In Search of the Real Spirit of Christmas” by Dan Schaeffer**: Even those who know the “Reason for the Season” can find themselves wondering if they’ve missed something? This book takes us beyond the trappings and trimmings and into the wonder of the best Gift of the season...the essence of Christmas.

**“God Rest Ye Grumpy Scroogeymen” by Laura & Michael Walker**:...Let no one you dismay; remember joy at Christmas time, at least on Christmas Day (To the tune of “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)

**“New Traditions for Comfort and Joy at Christmas:” Christmas miracles by several authors**: Magical, true stories of modern-day miracles! This book offers an open door to a world where miracles can happen every day, to even the most world weary souls. Kick back your feet, throw a log on the fire, and prepare to be filled to the brim with the stories of God’s magic!

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