

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, January 15th 2017

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes go out to quite a few people this week, as follows:

- ◆ Ryan B., 35 years old today
- ◆ Hanné B., January 16th
- ◆ Tammy M., the big 5-0 on January 18th
- ◆ Noah L., 6 years old on January 19th
- ◆ Darlene C., 61 years old on January 21st

We hope everyone has a special and celebratory day!

We offer our sincere **CONDOLENCES** to Steve P. and family on the recent passing of Steve's father, Karl, who passed away peacefully following a month of illness. Karl was an accomplished church organist his whole life, and he is now with the Lord and his wife. We extend our deepest sympathies to the P. family at this time of loss — please keep them in your prayers. The funeral was held yesterday in Hemmingford, Quebec.

Please join the **SOCIAL CLUB** for **GAMES NIGHT** on Saturday, January 21st, starting at 6:30pm, in the church Hall! Lots of fun and fellowship available — please come out and enjoy a good time with your church family!

The **PRESBYTERY OF PICKERING**, in its desire to maintain a relationship of support and care between the Presbytery and its congregations, will soon conduct its regular visitation to St. Andrew's, in Whitby. A small team from Presbytery will attend worship on February 19th; following worship, the team will meet with the congregation. We hope you will be able to attend. You are also encouraged to participate in the visitation process by completing the visitation questionnaire provided in the bulletin today. Confidential, completed questionnaires must be placed in a designated, sealed box no later than Sunday, January 29th. Completed questionnaires will be forwarded to the Visitation Team in advance of the visitation.

Our **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will take place on Sunday, February 12th, in the Hall, following worship. Annual Reports will be made available the week before. Please pick up your report, read it, and bring it with you to the meeting on the 12th. Child care will be provided during the meeting. Also, if you are a **CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ANNUAL REPORT**, please have your submission into the Church Office no later than Sunday, January 29th!

As part of our upcoming Annual Meeting, we will be conducting an **ELDER ELECTION**. Cindy B., Gary M. and Laura T. have all agreed to let their names stand as potential Elders. Ballots will be distributed during worship on the 12th, and will be collected during the Annual Meeting after worship on that day. If you are a member, but are unable to attend the meeting on the 12th, a ballot will be provided to you and your vote will be registered. Please talk to Rev. Tait or your Elder to receive a ballot in advance. At the conclusion of the meeting, the ballots will be counted and the results will be communicated to the congregation the following week, during morning worship.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER! At this time of year, we sometimes have difficulties regulating the temperature in various areas of the church building. If you have to open any windows, due to excessive heat, please remember to close and lock the windows when you leave. This is imperative for security reasons, and we don't want any bad weather coming inside! *Thank you, from the Board of Managers*

Please be aware that the **SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING** scheduled for January 19th has been **CANCELLED**. The meeting will be rescheduled for another time within the next few weeks.

The ***DUTY ELDER for JANUARY*** is Cathy R! 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.

Please be aware of the ***HOT LUNCH PROGRAM*** being conducted at St. Mark's United Church, 201 Centre St S, Whitby! St. Mark's will host another hot lunch on Monday, January 30th, at 12:00noon. Please call their church office, at (905) 668-3091, if you wish to reserve a seat!

COMMUNION DATES FOR 2017 are as follows:

- ◆ February 5th
- ◆ March 5th
- ◆ April 13th (Maundy Thursday)
- ◆ April 14th (Good Friday)
- ◆ June 4th
- ◆ October 1st
- ◆ November 12th
- ◆ December 3rd

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.

7.1: The Church

7.1.5—7.1.6: The church is **apostolic**. It is founded on Christ and the apostles and is in continuity with their teachings. The church is in **constant need of reform** because of the failure and sin which mark its life in every age. The church is present when the Word is truly preached, the sacraments rightly administered, and as it orders its life according to the Word of God.

COMING EVENTS!

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| Jan 15th | — 10:00am | Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary |
| | — following service | Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary |
| Jan 17th | — 7:30pm | Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary |
| | — 7:30pm | Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour |
| Jan 18th | — 10:00am | Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour |
| Jan 19th | — 7:00pm | Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary |
| | — CANCELLED | Sunday School meeting (<i>to be rescheduled at a later date</i>) |
| Jan 20th | — 1:00pm | Community Outreach food bank, in the Hall |
| Jan 21st | — 9:00am | Delta Kids Club, in the Hall |
| Jan 22nd | — 10:00am | Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary |
| | — following service | Jr. Bell Ringer practice, in the Sanctuary |
| Jan 24th | — 7:30pm | Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary |
| | — 7:30pm | Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour |
| Jan 25th | — 10:00am | Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour |
| Jan 26th | — 7:00pm | Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary |

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| Jan 28th | — 9:00am | Delta Kids Club, in the Hall |
| Jan 29th | — 10:00am | Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary |
| | — following service | Little Harmonies practice, in the Sanctuary |

LIBRARY

“Success Over Stress” by Norman Wright: “Too blessed to be stressed?” It’s a nice bumper sticker, but, unfortunately, it doesn’t always reflect our reality. Learn how to combat anxiety and achieve the simpler life you desire by resting in God’s presence.

“God’s Power to Change Your Life” by Rick Warren: Biblical insight and simple steps for ten areas of growth that can take you from where you are to where you want to be.

“Doing Life Differently” by Luci Swindoll: Stop asking “if only” and start asking “why not?” Let go of regrets and embrace dreams.

“Get Off Your Donkey” by Reggie McNeal: This inspiring parable of the Good Samaritan challenges believers to “discount and get dirty.”

While cleaning up your life, getting on track and doing a winter clean-up on your home, please make sure you return any library books you may come across! We hope to have a new up-to-date inventory list available shortly!