

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, January 22nd 2017

Once again this week, we have multiple **BIRTHDAYS** to celebrate, as follows:

- ◆ Elbè B., today!
- ◆ Rose H., 14 years old today!
- ◆ Alexander M-E, 13 years old tomorrow!
- ◆ Andrea H., January 25th!
- ◆ Sharon P., January 26th!

We hope all of the birthday boys and girls have a super great day!

LADIES DAY AWAY OPPORTUNITIES!

- ◆ **Saturday, January 28th:** “God’s Call” at Calvary Baptist church in Oshawa, \$35.00 (with lunch, TODAY, Jan. 22nd, is the last day to reserve lunch) or \$20.00 (without lunch).
- ◆ **Saturday, February 4th:** “Unleashing God’s Transforming Power” at Grace Presbyterian church in Scarborough, \$40.00 (with lunch), or \$45.00 (if registering after Wed. Jan. 25th). Kate will be attending this event, so if you would like to go together, please let her know.)

Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for registration information. Do consider attending one of these events for a great time of enrichment!

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.

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.

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!

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*

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.

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: Ministry

7.1.1—7.1.2: The Lord continues His ministry in and through the church. All Christians are called to participate in the ministry of Christ. As His body on earth, we all have gifts to use in the church and in the world, to the glory of Christ, our King and Head. Through the church, God orders this ministry by calling some to special tasks in the equipping of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

COMING EVENTS!

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
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
Jan 31st	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Feb 1st	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Feb 2nd	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Feb 3rd	— 1:00pm	Community Outreach food bank, in the Hall
Feb 4th	— 9:00am	Delta Kids Club, in Rm 1 downstairs
Feb 5th	— 10:00am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Jr. Bell Ringers 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!