

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, January 29th 2017

We have a couple of **BIRTHDAYS** to note this week! Trianna F. turns 15 years old on January 31st, and John S. celebrates his 75th birthday on February 2nd! We wish the birthday girl and boy a very special day!

Please join us in wishing Mary & Richard N. a very **HAPPY 42nd ANNIVERSARY**, which was celebrated on January 25th!

Anyone who is interested in **FLAGGING** during our worship services is welcome to meet with Sharon G. or Patricia B., following worship and Little Harmonies practice, today, in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

Maureen H. has arranged for flowers to be placed at the front of the church today, **IN MEMORY** of her late husband, Norman H., who passed away last year, on January 29th. Maureen is currently in Florida.

LADIES DAY AWAY OPPORTUNITY! Saturday, February 4th: “*Unleashing God’s Transforming Power*” at Grace Presbyterian church in Scarborough, \$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 this event 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—please note that child care will be provided during this meeting. You are also encouraged to participate in the visitation process by completing the visitation questionnaire, which is available for pick-up from the Narthex table. Confidential, completed questionnaires must be placed in the designated, sealed box (also located in the Narthex) 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 tomorrow, 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 (next week!)**
- ◆ 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.

7.2: Ministry

7.2.3—7.2.4: Ministers of Word and Sacrament are set apart to preach the Gospel, celebrate Baptism and Holy Communion and exercise pastoral care in Christ's name. Their ministry is an order which continues the work of the apostles. Christ preserves this order today by calling to it both men and women. The church recognizes this calling in the act of ordination. Through the office of ruling elder, men and women are ordained to share with the minister in the leadership, pastoral care and oversight of the congregation.

COMING EVENTS!

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
	— 7:30pm	Mission meeting, Room 3 (downstairs)
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, Holy Communion
	— following service	Jr. Bell Ringers practice, in the Sanctuary
Feb 6th	— 7:30pm	Board of Managers meeting, in the Parlour
Feb 7th	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour

Feb 8th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Feb 9th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Feb 11th	— 9:00am	Delta Kids Club, in the Hall
Feb 12th	— 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!