

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, February 5th 2016

We have a quite a few **BIRTHDAYS** to celebrate this week, as follows:

- Liam M-E, 15 years old today!
- Sheila S., celebrates her birthday today!
- Jace M., 1 year old tomorrow!
- Duke Z., celebrates his birthday tomorrow!
- John V., turns 92 years young on February 8th!
- Paxton L. turns 6 years old on February 9th!

We wish all of the birthday boys and girls a very happy and celebratory day!

NEW BULLETIN FORMAT: The Worship Committee has been working on re-formatting the layout of the weekly bulletin. The purpose of this change is two-fold:

- 1) to make the bulletin and its contents (order of service, welcome, basic information and announcements) more understandable to the newcomer, and...
- 2) to reduce the amount of paper being used

When submitting announcements for the bulletin, please include only the most important details. Please keep in mind that Heather C., our Office Administrator, may need to edit some submitted announcements due to space limitations. The new bulletin format will be launched Sunday, February 12th.

Stephen and Sharon P. wish to thank the people of St. Andrew's for all the kind words of sympathy and encouragement through cards, letters and emails, following the passing of Steve's father and the fracture of Sharon's ankle. **THANK YOU** so much!!!

Our **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will take place next week, on Sunday, February 12th, in the Hall, following worship. Annual Reports are available today, and they are laid out in alphabetical order, by surname, on the tables set up in the Narthex. Please pick-up the copy with your name on it and bring it to the meeting with you next week! Child care will be provided during the meeting.

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, and they all said a few words during the service last week.. Ballots will be distributed during worship next Sunday, and will be collected during the Annual Meeting that follows. 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. Your completed, confidential questionnaires have been forwarded to the Visitation Team for their review.

St. Andrew's men are invited to join Paul S., in his basement, for **HOCKEY NIGHT in WHITBY**, on Tuesday, February 21st. Our Toronto Maple Leafs take on the Winnipeg Jets! The puck drops at 7:30pm— don't be late for the fun and fellowship!

Mark Tuesday, February 28th on your calendars for ***SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER!*** The Social Committee will once again be hosting this delicious supper, complete with pancakes, sausages, tea and coffee, in the Hall! The fellowship and great food will begin at 6:00pm. A free-will offering will be accepted. If you are interested in attending, please see the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY LUNCH TABLE is held on the last Monday of each month, at 12:00noon. If you are interested in reserving a table, please call (905) 668-3091, ext 0, to reserve your 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 FEBRUARY*** is John 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.

COMMUNION DATES FOR 2017 are as follows: February 5th (today!); 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.

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7.2.5—7.2.6: Specialized ministries are recognized through the designation of deaconesses and church educators, professors and administrators, missionaries and catechists, chaplains and counsellors. Through such ministries, the Word is proclaimed, God's people are nourished and nurtured, supported and guided. In the oneness of Christ, we seek to serve God.

COMING EVENTS!

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
Feb 14th	— 2:00pm	Ladies Afternoon Group, in the Parlour
	— 7:30pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Feb 15th	— 10:00am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Feb 16th	— 7:00pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary

Feb 17th	— 12:00noon	Community Outreach food bank, in the Hall
Feb 18th	— 9:00am	Delta Kids Club, in the Hall
Feb 19th	— 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!