

Life of the Church

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to...

Vivienne B., 5 years old on September 21st

Robyn S., 25 years old today

John M., September 26th

Kerstin H., 12 years old on September 27th

Jennifer G. & Tania M. (twins), September 27th

All St. Andrew's Parents - TODAY please join us over coffee, in the Hall, after worship this morning, to talk about our Kids' Ministry Programs - your input is needed! Thanks — *Emily & Kate*

The **THANKSGIVING LETTER** from Pastor Jonathan and the Thanksgiving **NEWSLETTER** are available for pick-up TODAY, from the tables set up in the Narthex! Please ensure that you pick-up the newsletter with your name on it — the letters are laid out in alphabetical order, by surname. If you received the newsletter by email this week, you will be picking up the Thanksgiving letter from Pastor Jonathan only. If you are able to pick-up and deliver for someone who is not here today, please do so, as it saves the church a significant amount in postage. Thanks to all for your contributions to this seasonal publication — your input is greatly appreciated!

Next Sunday, we will celebrate **COMMUNION**. Our Sunday School kids (junior and senior classes) will return to sit with their parents to participate in Communion. Whether your children actually partake in the Lord's Supper or they just observe is a decision that is left to your parental discretion. If you would like some assistance in making this decision or talking with your kids about Communion, please speak with Pastor Jonathan.

PRAISE TEAM PRACTICES HAVE BEGUN! Do you like to sing? Do you like to praise your God? Do you enjoy the fellowship of others? Then consider joining St. Andrew's Praise Team and using your talents as we lead our congregation in corporate singing during our services on Sunday morning. We practice on Thursday evenings, at 7:00 pm. For further information contact Brian M.

The **DUTY ELDER for September is Paul S.!** Should you wish to pray or speak with the Duty Elder, please remain in your seat following worship, and the Duty Elder will come to you.

OPPORTUNITIES TO USE YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS: Prayerfully consider this list: reading scripture, delivering the welcome and announcements at the start of a service, leading a prayer, using a musical talent during a service, preparing and/or delivering a short call to worship, ushering. If you would like to explore participating in our services, please speak with Brian M. If you would like to develop your abilities in one of these areas, support and encouragement are available!

CRIEFF HILLS Retreat and Conference Center warmly invites you to our fall **MANNA DAY**, entitled "*What the Reformation Can Teach Us About Change*," on Thursday, October 12th, from 10:30 am—3:00 pm. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Stuart MacDonald, Professor of Church and Society at Knox College. Everyone is welcome! Please register before October 1st, by calling (519) 824-7898, or 1-800-884-1525. The cost for the day is \$22.00, including lunch. Crieff Hills is located close to Guelph, just off the 401. Please see their website for more information—www.crieffhills.com

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE IRMA

**God of wind, water and fire,
we come in prayer for those who are in danger and whose lives are forever changed
because of the storms in the Atlantic and around the world.
Tame the natural forces of chaos and destruction that defy control, and rock and endanger life
by their fury.
Give us the wisdom to speak truthfully and not call disasters Your actions or divine justice.
Nurture our faith, so that we come to rely more and more upon You and
on your loving kindness, which knows no bounds or decay,
and to trust Your power, which in Jesus Christ, stilled storms,
raised the dead, and silenced the destructive and frenzied powers. Amen**

*If you would like to donate to hurricane victims, we encourage you to visit the PCC website at
www.presbyterian.ca/pswd*

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sept 24th	— 10:00 am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
Sept 26th	— 7:30 pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 27th	— 10:00 am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Sept 28th	— 7:00 pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Sept 29th	— 1:00 pm	Community Outreach food bank, in the Hall
Oct 1st	— 10:00 am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— 11:00 am	Bazaar planning meeting , in the Parlour