

Life of the Church

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to...

Mary A., turns 77 years young on Dec. 7th!

Lynne S., celebrates on Dec. 9th!

SAD NEWS: Pastor Jonathan's Uncle Howard (Tait) passed away earlier this week in New Brunswick. Please keep Pastor Jonathan and the Tait family in your thoughts and prayers at this time of loss.

Please be aware that **NOEL S.** is currently in hospital in Ajax. Noel had emergency surgery performed to his foot earlier this week, and following some days of treatment, a second surgery may be required. Noel's medical concerns are serious, so we ask that you keep Noel in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Today, if you are able, please pick-up, from the Narthex table, a Christmas plant and plate of goodies to deliver to one or more of our **FRIENDS AT HOME**. Your assistance in this ministry is greatly appreciated!

Our **ADVENT SERVICES** commence today, and we have **INVITATION POSTCARDS** available for you to hand out to your family and friends for the Advent season. Please pick some up from the table in the Narthex and spread around the hope, peace, joy and love of Jesus Christ at this special time of year!

Today, our new **ADVENT SPIRITUALITY CENTRE** is available to the congregation, as set up in the Parlour. This is a place for reflection and meditation, and the centre is open to all throughout Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

The Social Committee wishes to **THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE** for their assistance in decorating the church for the Advent/Christmas season— Christine S., Andrea F., Al C., Wayne H., Patricia B., Jessica & Mya Lynn L.. Your help is very much appreciated!

The **LADIES AFTERNOON GROUP** will hold their annual **Christmas luncheon** on Tuesday, December 12th, at 12:00 noon, at Swiss Chalet, in Whitby. If interested in attending, please see the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table.

Please be aware that "**ADVENT: A Calendar of Devotions 2017**" is available for pick-up from the table in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & CAROL SING will take place on Saturday, December 16th, at 6:00 pm. If interested in attending, please see the sign-up sheet located on the Narthex table. Please note, the Hall will be in use prior to the potluck dinner — please wait in the Narthex until the doors to the Hall are opened.

If you are interested in **ORDERING A POINSETTIA**, in memory of a loved one, to decorate our Sanctuary over the Christmas season, please see the order form included in today's bulletin. Standard 6-inch poinsettias are available at a cost of **\$12.00**. Please complete the order form and submit same, with payment, to the church office, no later than Sunday, December 17th. Thank you!

LET'S JOIN IN PRAYER...Our weekly Prayer Meeting will start up again this Tuesday, Dec. 5th, at 9:30 am, in the Sanctuary. We will join for about an hour in praying over our church and seeking God's direction.

2018 BAZAAR PLANNING:

1) We are in need of two teams to oversee the New-to-You room and book tables. If you would like to see them included in next year’s bazaar, we need you to step forward. Only if we have the teams in place will they be included. Please speak with Kate T. if you are interested.

2) Donations of wool and fabric are needed all year round for our crafters to keep busy preparing for next year. At any time, feel free to bring in a bag labelled “Bazaar” and drop it off in the church office.

The **DUTY ELDER for December is Grant T!** 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Dec 3rd	— 10:00 am	Sunday morning Communion Service , in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Jr. Bell Ringers practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 4th	— 7:30 pm	Board of Managers meeting, in the Parlour
Dec 5th	— 7:30 pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30 pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Dec 6th	— 10:00 am	Wednesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Dec 7th	— 7:00 pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 8th	— 1:00 pm	Community Outreach food bank, in the Hall
Dec 10th	— 10:00 am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary
	— following service	Little Harmonies & Jr. Bell Ringers practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 12th	— 12:00 noon	Ladies Afternoon Group luncheon, at Swiss Chalet in Whitby