

# Life of the Church

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to...**

**Des L.**, turns 33 years old tomorrow!

**Noel S.**, celebrates tomorrow!

We share good news with you this week, in that our friend, **NOEL S.**, has responded well to treatment while in hospital, and soon may be in a position to continue treatment at home. As Noel's concerns are serious, this is truly an answer to prayer. The S. family wish to sincerely thank the congregation for their kindnesses and support during this difficult time. Please continue to keep Noel in your thoughts and prayers, and be sure to wish him a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** tomorrow!

Please remember to pick-up your **CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER** today, from the tables set up in the Narthex. As per usual, the newsletters have been set out in alphabetical order, by surname, so please be sure you pick up the newsletter labelled with your name. Thanks to those who contributed to this seasonal publication — your input is greatly appreciated!

Our **ADVENT SERVICES** started up last Sunday, and we have **INVITATION POSTCARDS** available for you to hand out to your family and friends for the Advent/Christmas 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!

Our **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.

We wish to thank **Cathy R.** and her committee for the beautiful **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** that adorn our church this Advent/Christmas season! The church looks festive and beautiful — great job!

**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 forms located on the Narthex table. 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!

The **2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are ready for pick up in the Narthex following the service today. If you have not previously used your own personnel offering envelopes, please see Christine Smith after the service and she will arrange a set for you.

The **LADIES AFTERNOON GROUP** will hold their annual **Christmas luncheon** this week, 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.

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 10th	— 10:00 am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary—Advent II
	— following service	Little Harmonies & Jr. Bell Ringers practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 12th	— <b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Ladies Afternoon Group luncheon, at Swiss Chalet</b>
	— 7:30 pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
	— 7:30 pm	Tuesday evening Bible Study, in the Parlour
Dec 13th	— 10:00 am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Dec 14th	— 7:00 pm	Praise Team practice, in the Sanctuary
Dec 15th	— <b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Hampers being handed out, in the Hall</b>
Dec 16th	— <b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Potluck &amp; Carol Sing, in the Hall/Sanctuary</b>
Dec 17th	— 10:00 am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary—Advent III