

# Life of the Church

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to...**

**Darlene C.**, turns 62 years old today  
**Elbè B.**, celebrates her birthday tomorrow  
**Rose H.**, turns 15 years old tomorrow  
**Alexander M-E**, turns 14 years old on January 23rd  
**Andrea H.**, celebrates her birthday on January 25th  
**Sharon P.**, celebrates her birthday on January 26th

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to...** **Richard & Mary N.**, 43 years on January 25th

Once again, we welcome **TIM S.**, who will lead us in musical worship today, in Brian McClure's absence. We offer Tim our thanks and appreciation — Brian will be back with us next Sunday.

A friendly reminder that our **ANNUAL MEETING** is coming up on Sunday, February 11th, following the morning church service. As such, we ask that those of you who typically offer a submission for our **ANNUAL REPORT**, please have your submission into the church office by next Sunday, January 28th. Thank you!

**"DAY APART, a day for women of all ages...a day for you!"** Please consider attending this women's event on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, at Grace Church in West Hill. This year's event will focus on *"Embracing God's Word for Lifelong Empowerment,"* with keynote speaker Ruth Coghill, and special music by Laura Scarborough. If interested in attending, please pick-up a pamphlet from the Narthex table and contact Grace Church directly for more information.

**"The Canon of Nature: Lessons from the Beeyard" ...CRIEFF HILLS** Retreat and Conference Center warmly invite you to our Manna Day on Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie will speak about the fascinating world of the beehive and ways to help to preserve the incredible world that has been entrusted to us as stewards. You will also have the opportunity to view the beautiful artwork of the St. John's Bible, a contemporary, illuminated Bible. Please register before Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> by calling 1-800-884-1525 or 519-824-7898. Cost for the day is \$25 (includes lunch). For more information, please visit the website at [www.crieffhills.com](http://www.crieffhills.com)

The **DUTY ELDER** for January is Cathy R! If you wish to pray or speak with the Duty Elder, please remain in your seat following the worship service and the Duty Elder will come to you.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Jan 21st	— 10:00 am	Sunday morning Worship service, in the Sanctuary
Jan 23rd	— <b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Tuesday morning Prayer Meeting, in the Sanctuary</b>
	— <b>3:30 pm</b>	Tuesday afternoon Bible Study, in the Parlour
	— 7:30 pm	Liturgical Dance practice, in the Sanctuary
Jan 24th	— 10:00 am	Wednesday morning Bible Study, in the Parlour
Jan 25th	— <b>cancelled</b>	<b>Praise Team practice (practices will resume on Thurs., Feb. 1st)</b>
Jan 28th	— 10:00 am	Sunday morning Worship Service, in the Sanctuary

## PRAYER

*My Lord God,  
I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end,  
nor do I really know myself;  
and the fact that I think I am following your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.  
But I believe that the desire to please you  
does in fact please you.  
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.  
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,  
though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore will I trust you always though  
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.  
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,  
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.  
(~ written by Thomas Merton)*