COMMUNION: TODAY we will be gathering around the table to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

COMMUNITY VISITS/INVITATIONS: Saturday, January 13th and 27th at 2:00 p.m.

MEALS TOGETHER: Tuesday, January 9th at 5:00 p.m. You MUST sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you plan on attending so that preparations can be made for the appropriate number of people.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CONVENTION: January 26th through to 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Bayview Glen Church, 300 Steeles Avenue East, Thornhill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS for the AGM: Due by Saturday, January 13th. Please deliver to the Church Office, leave in the Church Office Mail Folder or forward by email to bridlewood@bellnet.ca.

“A DAY APART”: For women of all ages Grace Presbyterian Church 447 Port Union Road, West Hill, ON is hosting a women's Conference on Saturday, February 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Special Speaker will be Ruth Coghill and Special Music with Laura Scarborough. For more information or registration forms check the notices on the bulletin boards or call 416-284-8424 or go to website: www.gracewesthill.ca

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.

REMINDERS

5¢ PER MEAL FOOD DRIVE Last Sunday of the month.

PRAYER MEETING - Thursdays at 10:30 am

CHOIR - Will resume on Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY VISITS / INVITATIONS: Saturday, Jan. 13th at 2:00 p.m.

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AGM REPORTS DUE: Please forward to Dianne Cabral by Jan. 13th

ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, February 11th at 12:30 p.m.
2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES: If you have not done so already please be sure to pick up your new offering envelopes from the back of the Narthex before you leave today.

CHOIR: will resume on Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. for rehearsal.

MEALS TOGETHER: is venturing out to include an additional project as part of the evening and starting on Tuesday, January 9th the Church will be open at 3:00 p.m. for those of you who would like to gather early and prepare zip lock bags of toiletries for the homeless or do some craft work such as knitting or crocheting hats, scarves, mittens etc. for those in need. Donations of toiletries and yarn would be most welcome and can be dropped off at the Church Office at your convenience.

PRAYER MEETING: Will resume on Thursday, January 11th at 10:30 a.m. in the Choir Room.

PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTION: This paper replaced The Record produced by the Presbyterian Church of Canada and copies are available from our Library so please be sure and pick up your copy to keep up to date with the news and events taking place in our church today.

WASHROOM PROJECT: Plans are in progress to start the renovations of the washrooms downstairs in early February.
“Baptism is a sign and seal of our union with Christ and with his church. Through it we share in the death and resurrection of Christ and are commissioned to his service.”

By the waters of baptism and the power of the Holy Spirit God claims us and calls each one by name. God unites us to Christ in his death and resurrection and grafts us into the body of Christ as members of the church. God washes us clean by forgiving our sin; commissions us to be a royal priesthood with Christ in his ministry to the world; empowers us to live in newness of life as people of the Word; and invites us to be renewed at the Lord’s Table until we feast with him in glory. By grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. Eph. 2:8.

Renunciation and Affirmation

(turned to the west with arms extended)

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God who has been faithful to us in all generations, do you turn away from sin, renounce all evil powers in the world which rebel against God or oppose God’s rule of justice and love?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin which separate you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

(turned to the east with hands receiving)

Do you turn to Jesus Christ, accepting him as Lord and Saviour, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you desire, in dependence on the Holy Spirit, to mature as a Christian in the church, to seek the guidance of Christ as you listen for his Word, to celebrate his death and life at the table he provides, and to engage in his mission to the world?

I do.
Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,
I’ve no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Ev’ry day the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,
He whose name is Counsellor and Pow’r.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
“As your days, your strength shall be in measure,”
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in ev’ry tribulation
So to trust Your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith’s sweet consolation
Offered me within Your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E’er to take, as from a father’s hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.
Who better to learn new farming methods from than a farmer in your community? Through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported farmer-to-farmer agroecology project in Malawi, farmers selected for training are able to share their agricultural knowledge with other families in their village. Techniques like composting and intercropping are helping women and men transform plots of land into thriving sources of nourishment. Since learning to plant groundnuts and pigeon peas together on one plot of land, farmer Abel has seen his soil's fertility improve and his yields double. He and his wife Mercy are incorporating the food they grow into new recipes. “Life has greatly changed for us,” shares Abel.

PWS&D supports food security for smallholder farmers