

Happy 4th week of Advent!



St. Andrew's News

Sunday, December 20, 2015
4th Sunday of Advent
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Welcome to the worship of God this morning, and to our shared life in this church. It is a pleasure to have you with us today. Seat cushions are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask a greeter for help. We invite guests to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

UPCOMING ADVENT SERVICES

- December 24 - Christmas Eve will have two services: 7:00 candlelight; and 10 p.m. candlelight with Communion
- December 27 - Wassail Service at 11:00 a.m. Come and join in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy cider and cookies while we worship



BOOKEEPER REQUEST IT'S YEAR END!

Year End is coming! Anyone with 2015 receipts for reimbursement is requested to hand them in as soon as possible.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK

Sunday School will be taking a 2 week Christmas break. There will be no Sunday School on Dec 27th and Jan 3rd. We will resume on Jan 10th.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SING



There is a Rotary Christmas Carol Sing Dec 20th (tonight) at 7pm at St Paul's Anglican Church 808 Ridgeway St.

PRAYER INVITATIONS

As Christians, we have been called to pray for each other in all circumstances. To help with this, we simply move through the church membership list. Today we ask that you hold the persons listed in your prayers:

Scott, Judy, Cameron, Jerimiah & Kenny Hole; Harry Hollinsworth; Ian, Linda, Michael, Steven Hosegood and Kristi & Trisha Peterson; Marjory Hosegood; William & Cathy Hosegood; Wayne, Janet & Sarah Huber; Tom & Aileen Hughes; George Hunt; Evan Hurtig; Terence & Sue Anne Hurtig.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE OFFICE

Faye will be away for the month of December. Lori will be covering for her Monday to Thursday.

SESSION REQUEST...

Attention all Groups and Committees: We ask that your annual report submission for 2015 be forwarded to the church office by January 15th, 2016. Thank you!



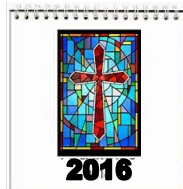
CLOTHING DRIVE

St Paul's United Church, 349 Waverley Street is receiving clothing for children in JK to Grade 8 who attend St. James School. Especially needed are like-new girls' and boys' seasonal school wear, warm winter wear, outerwear and footwear. Please drop off from 1:00 - 4:00pm Tuesday to Friday.



If you would like someone to pick up your donation, please contact Len or Mary Anderson @ 767-5620.

DESK CALENDARS FOR SALE



The Parish Health Ministry is once again selling 2016 desk calendars featuring more of the windows of St. Andrew's. Proceeds will go to the church operating budget.

The cost for a refill is \$10; the cost for a calendar in a case is \$15; and the cost for two is \$20.

From Rev. Joyce



This is a wonderful time of year for worship. Many people seem to find their way back to church in the Sundays coming up to Christmas and of course Christmas Eve. It is an especially important time to welcome guests and even those who call St. Andrew's home but have not been to church for a long time. A friendly "hello" or "good to see you" can go a long way to helping people find a welcome here. And though we are very attached to our comfortable pews there is no better welcome than to say to someone "come join me" or "please sit here."

Today is also a perfect opportunity to have guests join us for the potluck lunch in Rowand Hall. It may also be a wonderful occasion for members of the congregation that rarely if ever come to join in the fellowship to garner up the courage or take time to spend in the company of those who worship together. One gets a different sense of the togetherness of a church family when we break bread together. And don't concern yourself if you have not brought food along and then decide to stay. Church potlucks are known for having lots of food to go around!

Of course Christmas Eve with its candlelight services is always a special time for families to come together and celebrate the season. There is a glow in the church with and without the candles that seems to come from the heart of people when they gather. And as a way to extend the festivities be sure to come to the Wassail Service on December 27th. Hot apple cider and cookies, stories and carols, a relaxing atmosphere for worship and fellowship are all part of that service.

As we come upon the Christmas celebrations may the love of God surround you, the peace of Christ be with you, and the Holy Spirit keep you. Merry Christmas!

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

This church will be our church

Presbyterians Sharing supports new congregations as they respond to specific needs in their communities. Lighthouse Evangelical Arabic Church is meeting the needs of Arabic speakers in Winnipeg, MB. The Bahgat family was part of a Presbyterian church in Egypt before coming to Winnipeg in 2001. The first time they attended Lighthouse church, Rev. Ibrahim Zabeneh preached about the vision of the church and God's desire for Lighthouse to reach out to the community. At the end of the service, the Bahgats approached Rev. Zabeneh and said, "This church will be our church. We are committed!" They had been longing for a church where they could feel at home in Winnipeg, and were thrilled to have found a welcoming place where they could worship in their own language.

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FACILITIES & FINANCE

Where does your money go?

Lot plowing, sanding and salting costs approximately \$5,000 - \$8,000 per year (depending on amount of snow).



DO YOU HAVE ENVELOPE #36?

Offering Envelopes



Recently, envelope #36 was used, yet our records indicate that this number is unassigned. If you, or someone you know, is using offering box #36, please contact the office

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**PRESBYTERIAN SHARING
GIVINGS UPDATE...**



We have committed to \$18,000 for 2015. We are predicting a shortfall of \$2,000 by year's end. Please help us reach our commitment if you can. Thank You!

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