

**SPUC Christmas Eve Service December 24 @ 5:00pm**

**Big thanks to all of you for filling the Holiday Hampers to the Saskatoon AIDS. Your generosity is blessed. Thanks to Wayne and Florence Parohl for dropping off them to Saskatoon AIDS.**

**2019 Budget for St. Paul's United Church** which was approved at the Congregational Meeting December 2 is available for pickup on the Info Desk.

**Warm Mittens and Scarves are needed for the students at Sutherland School.** Please bring your donations and place them on the Christmas Tree in the foyer during this Advent Season. Spread the warm of God's Love. Thanks to Janet Potter for donating this Christmas Tree! Thanks to Evelyn Bowman for her skillful knitting.

Please Join us with your friends and family for **Community Soup Lunch Wednesdays @ noon. Volunteers** are welcome to serve in the Soup Lunch Program. **Soup Lunch will be canceled December 26 and January 2, 2019, resumes January 9, 2019.**

The **January to November** summary of the **Income and Expense to Budget statement** is available for picking up on the Information Desk in the foyer.

Advent has arrived, and so has the **SGG** resource **Underdogs and Outsiders**. The book is available to purchase at church office, \$15/each). It's always not too late to become part of a small group as we explore Jesus lineage. Groups meet Monday and Wednesday evenings as well as Wednesday afternoons. Contact SGGs' Leader **Cheryl Wilken** 306 371-1422 for more information.

The Christmas greetings from the **SK Conference** Office staff as the last E-SHARE from The Saskatchewan Conference. The SK Conference officially closes Friday, December 14, 2018.

There are several CDs from **Jorgina Sunn for sale. \$15 –full CD. \$5-single.** Jorgina Sunn is a gifted, dedicated, passionate community member who teaches and advocates on behalf of those trapped in the brokenness of addiction and the legacy of Residential Schools. She has shared her story and her music with the church at many events over the years. Jorgina has been employed by Integrated Community Ministries of the United Church here in Saskatoon, The Elizabeth Fry Society, The National Inquiry for Murdered and Mission Indigenous Women and Girls, and most recently Str8 UP, the local organization that supports individuals seeking to leave gang life. She has been the guest speaker at conferences across Canada, she has been on national radio and TV. This fall Jorgina experienced devastating news that knocked her off her path. She now needs our help. If you are able to purchase a CD of her original music, to assist her in her healing journey it would be a huge affirmation of relationship and faith in our common story. If you are not interested in the music as a gift or for your use, perhaps you could make a one time donation. This is of vital importance.

**Thanks to Roger and Gilda Pilon for donating the beautiful Christmas tree in the Worship Center! Many thanks to Men's Spiritual Growth Group for setting up and decorating the tree.**

**The minutes for Mission 2019** (stories about the work of the Mission & Service of The UCC) is available to borrow on the Info Desk. We are pleased to announce that SPUC contributed \$4000 to Mission & Service for 2018.

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**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 – 3:00pm**

**We inhabit the land of TREATY 6. May we live in respect.**

## **Be Welcoming**

**December 16, 2018 @ 10:30 A.M.**

This is the a beautiful song from the Prophet Isaiah, promising a servant who will be a light to all nations – not just to the faithful people of God, but a light for everyone – for all the world, and all that is in the world! God's servant is faithful beyond our knowing, tireless in the pursuit of justice, the one who teaches and supports, and reaches out into the community. This a map of hope for those who live in darkness. What is the darkness? Who are those who live in darkness? How can we be those servants of God, reaching out and offering hope? Welcoming and offering joy? This is the promise and the work of Christmas.

**Scripture of today:** Isaiah: 42: 1-9 Servant Song

**Core Value:** Radical Hospitality

**Prayer:** God of light, you gave your love made whole and real in the person of Jesus, to set us free from all that keeps us down. We pray for your light to shine upon us, and teach us to bring justice and peace and joy as we share our love with those in pain. Amen.

**Church Office** is closed December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 1st, 2018.

Christmas Sparkle – Saskatoon Youth Choir, Saturday, December 22 @7pm at Grace-Westminster United Church(505- 10th Street East).

The second **report of Region 4 transition commission** is posted on the Hall bulletin.