

SPUC Christmas Eve Service Monday, December 24 @ 5:00pm. Offerings proceeds to the FASD Network for their caregiving retreat. We will include a warm welcome, apple cider and cookies (Christmas baking). If you would like to contribute cookies, please bring your baking labeled "Christmas Eve" and dropped off them to church. Thanks in advance!

International Potluck January 6, 2019 @11:30am in the Auditorium. Bring your favorite country of origin dish! Or if you don't have a favourite country of origin, bring any dish you would like.

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 warmth of God's Love. Thanks to Janet Potter for donating this Christmas Tree! Thanks to Evelyn Bowman for her skillful knitting.

A big thanks to **Sutherland School Choir** for sharing their music at Soup Lunch on December 19. Thank you to everyone who helped with this big celebration! **Soup Lunch will be canceled December 26 and January 2, 2019, resumes January 9, 2019.**

There are 8 copies of Advent resource **Underdogs and Outsiders** for sale. \$15/each.

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.

Next Management Team meets January 22, 2019 @10:30am at the Front Lounge.

Church Office is closed December 25th to January 1st, 2019.

Bell Let's Talk 2019 Wednesday January 30 @ 7pm, Service of Remembrance – for all those who died in the struggle of mental illness. This also includes those who are still living but lost to us in the disease of addictions and untreated illness. It is a time to gather, to support one another and to continue to break down the stigma of mental health and remove the barriers that prevent folks from seeking treatment. Know that all are welcome. This is a family friendly event and we hope to see you there.

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.

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

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

Be Yourself

December 23, 2018 @ 10:30 A.M.

We are most familiar with the Birth Narrative from the Gospel of Luke that includes the shepherds in their field, the multitude of angels and the portrait of Mary and Joseph settling into the stable with the newborn Jesus. Matthew shares his version of the story from Joseph's point of view. Joseph is described as a righteous man, and is making arrangements to quietly dissolve the agreement with Mary and her family. Joseph is faithful too! Joseph is the one who comes from the line of David. Having been told in a dream, he obeys the instructions of the Holy Spirit, he takes Mary as his wife, and he names the baby Jesus. He was faithful to God, but also faithful to the kind of person he was already: a man of integrity, deeply rooted in the hope of a future for the people of God. Joseph was totally being Joseph. We pray that the world can say the same about each of us.

Scripture of today: Matthew 1: 18-25

Core Value: God is our Strength

Do you still have your Star Word?

