

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the **Ethnic Potluck Lunch** last Sunday. The food that was provided gave us all a great variety to choose from and it was delicious. Thanks also to everyone who helped with clean up following lunch. The giving of your time was much appreciated. – Bev Rutherford

Please find your weekly offering envelopes on the Nametag table if your envelope's number is between 1 to 25.

Christmas Eve special offerings \$1,027.75 proceeds to the FASD Network for their caregiving retreat. Thanks to all of you!

Community Soup Lunch, Wednesdays @noon. Everyone is welcome.

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.

You are invited to join Kathryn Holfley (Stewardship & Gift Officer serving the Prairie Region of UCC) to attend **“Stewardship Buzz! 6 steps to take right now!” on Wednesday, February 6 @7:00 – 9:00 PM** at McClure United Church (4025 Taylor Street East).

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

Did you know that **SPUC sermons** are posted on our website? If you have missed a Sunday service, you can catch the message @ spuonline.com/#/sermons.

Join Rev. Deb on **Wednesday afternoons** after soup lunch for a video series, **“Violence Divine, overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of its Non-Violent God”** Featuring John Dominic Crossan. This is an eight week study that will take us right to Lent. Also stay tuned for the news about the book Small Spiritual Groups SSG has picked for a winter book club. I am excited!

It's a New Year and **Spiritual Growth Groups** at St. Paul's have taken on a new look for the months of January/February. The SGG Teams are challenging you to read the book **Seven Fallen Feathers** by Tanya Talaga. This means everyone and anyone! Previous participation in a SGG is not necessary. The book can be purchased at a local bookstore for under \$25. **In mid-February** the SGG Team will host a discussion forum for participants to share their thoughts. For more information contact Cheryl Wilken at c.wilken@shaw.ca, Ellen Wilson at ellenwilson302@gmail.com or Diane Barker at dianebarber@shaw.ca.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 - Please Join Us for Daily Morning Services at 8:00am.

- Monday, January 21—St. Matthew's Anglican Church, 135-109th St. W.
- Tuesday, January 22— Holy Covenant Evangelical Orthodox Church, 1426 Alexandra Ave.
- Wednesday, January 23—St. Martin's United Church, 2617 Clarence Av. S.
- Thursday, January 24—Sts-Martyrs Canadians, 1007 Windsor St.
- Friday, January 25— Redeemer Lutheran church, 812 Preston Ave. S.

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

Remember Your Baptism

January 13, 2018 @ 10:30 A.M.

Is this scripture about Jesus' Baptism or our own? This sets the scene for the sacrament of Baptism. It is an epic gesture of blessing, affirmation, identity and belonging. We still believe that Baptism is visible sign of God's grace. Today we get to explore the dynamics of John the Baptism and Jesus. They never meet face to face again in any of the Gospels. John the Baptist and Jesus are cousins in the same way that judgment and grace are cousins. Taken together they witness to the truth that the gospel sounds like bad news before it is experienced as good news; the gospel must lead to justice if it's going to bring joy. John's words are harsh and demanding, “we must bear fruit” and God's word's are all we long to hear, “ You are my Beloved, in whom I am well pleased.”

Scripture of today: Matt 3

Core Value: To grow spiritually

Prayer for Today: What is the story of your Baptism?

Please feel free to take a copy of *Observer* and/or *Mandate* magazine on the desk in the foyer to home. Hope you enjoy it.

Next Bacon, Friends and Faith Breakfast – Feb.10, 2019 @9:00 in the Auditorium.