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THE GRAPEVINE

Sunday, December 3 2017

Prayer Cycles

Please pray with us this morning and throughout this week for the following:

Anglican: Diocese of West Buganda - Uganda, The Rt Rev Henry Katumba-Tamale

Diocesan: St. James Cathedral

Social Justice and Advocacy: The Diocese of Grahamstown, South Africa and its work on labour relations issues in disadvantaged communities and All Saints Collingwood and the Green Team.

Deanery: Retired Clergy: the Very Rev. Peter Marshall and the Rev. Gloria Master

Parish Groups: St. John's Retirement Centre

Parish Family: Terry, Lisa, John and Mark Noble; Diane Passmore; Jennifer Passmore (27); Murray Paterson; Del Patterson; Ian, Alexia and Simon Peddle (28); Samantha Peever; Deanna Perrault; Bruce and Lisa Pond (29); Donna Potts, Courtney Major and Dean Pendlebury; Dan, Heather, Elise and Colton Powers (30); Perce and Bev Powles; Verena Ramsay, Noreen Raycroft (1)

Readings for Sunday, Dec 10th

Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

THIS WEEK

Today

- Youth Group: prayer writing workshop, all young at heart are welcome

Monday Dec 4

- 7:15 pm—Al-Anon

Tuesday Dec 5

- 10:30 am—St. Michael's Guild meeting
- 5:30 pm—Rector's Soup Dinner and Advent Study

Wednesday Dec 6

- 10:00 am—Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Thursday Dec 7

- 12:15 pm—Lunchtime Organ Music at Trinity United with Giles Bryant
- 7:30 pm—Choir Practice

Friday Dec 8

- 10:00 am RC Mass in the Chapel

Sunday Dec 10

- Services of worship at 8:15, 10:00, and 10:05 a.m.
- 2:30 pm Community Carol Sing at the Salvation Army Temple

LOOKING AHEAD

Rector's Soup Dinner & Advent Study of Luke 1 & 2: Tuesday, Dec 5 & 12, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Supper provided, bring a Bible.

Advent Lunchtime Organ Music: Thursdays 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. at Trinity United Church. Dec 14 Douglas Schalin; Dec 21 Randy Mills. Admission is free. Food items and cash are accepted for local food banks. For more info call 705-742-162 or 705-755-1184

Peterborough Community Carol Sing: Sunday Dec 10th, 2:30 p.m. in the Salvation Army Temple. Special guests Cllr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Graham Hart, Ms. Linda Kash, Maj. John Murray, Rev. Brad Smith and the Peterborough Children's Chorus; led by Combined Choirs, Salvation Army Band, Timbrel Brigade, and St. Paul's Director of Music, Douglas Schalin. Offering to go to the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Fund. Come to enjoy the traditional carols of the season. More info at www.communitycarolsing.com

St. Margaret's Guild Christmas Potluck: Tuesday December 12th at noon, all welcome.

WRCM Christmas Party at the Venue, December 17, 7:00-10:00 p.m. This pay-what-you-can event is a really important fundraiser for WRCM. Come out for great times, great music and even dancing. Check out this musical line-up: Kate Suhr, Melissa Payne, Kate Broux, Paper Shakers, Eric Brandon and Silver Lining. Wow! For all the details, check out the Facebook event page at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/164662924123612/>

St Barnabas' Arrival: On Sunday, January 7, the people of St Barnabas' will begin to worship here. Both 10:00 congregations will begin worship in the Guild Hall and after the opening part of the liturgy, the Nave congregation will process into the church. Both congregations will gather together again after worship for a congregational luncheon provided by the Hospitality Committee.

FOR YOUR INTEREST

Urgent Relief Needed for Families of Syrian Refugees: On November 12, a deadline earthquake struck in Iran, destroying the home village and injuring or killing 40+ relatives of our refugee family, Nasrin and Ahmad Naseri. The weather is cold and people need blankets, food, water, and supplies. In addition to our prayers, the refugee committee is seeking financial donations to buy much-needed supplies. Money will be provided to the Naseris to forward to family members in Iran. For more info on how to help, please see the yellow sheet on the Covenant bulletin board in the narthex or speak to James Neufeld or Sharon or Don Watkins.

Mitten Tree: The Mitten Tree will be displayed at the front of the nave until Sunday December 17th to receive donations of winter outerwear: coats, mittens, scarves, and toques.

Christmas Flowers: To have flowers placed in the church in memory of a loved one for Christmas please contact the office prior to December 13th. Please make your cheque for \$25 payable to St. John's Anglican with Christmas flowers on the memo line. Your cheque can be placed on the offering plate or in the office mail box.

Library: Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The library has a variety of books to help us on this journey. For children we have *Christmas Origami* to make wreaths and displays, and *Do You See What I See?* a

devotional seek-and-find book for Advent. For adults there are many meditations and devotionals including *The Oxford Book of Christmas Poems*, *Journey to Bethlehem* and *Christmas Treasury* a collection of short stories by Louisa May Alcott and everyone's favourite author Jan Karon with *The Mitford Snowmen*.

Grapevine: If you wish to receive the weekly "Online Grapevine", please email Carolyn office@stjohnspeterborough.ca to get on the list. It's sent out every Friday morning with info from the print version as well as ministry rosters and other information of interest.

Ministry Opportunities: Specially marked envelopes for the Warming Room shelter and One Roof Community Centre (both ministries of St John's) can be found on the welcome table. Both programs rely on donations in addition to grants and city funds.

Needs: One Roof Community Centre (705-874-1812) invites our support by the donation of goods and supplies in addition to financial donations. The list of typical needs is on the bulletin board next to the washrooms. **The Warming Room** has moved back to Murray St Baptist church and is in real need of boxed cereals, any kind would be most appreciated. Juice boxes, decaf coffee and coffee whitener are always in need as well.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

December Birthdays: Courtney Major (1), Lisa Grant (2), Bonnie Williams (3), Margaret Freeman, Elwood Jones, Mark Jones, Bob MacKirdy (7), James Neufeld (9), John Carter (11), Patsy Harper (14), Patrick Carter (15), Carol Harvey (16), Marlene Baker (17), Paul Tiller (20), Tom Robinson (24), Rob Carter, Terry Noble (30), Miles Lathangue (31)

December Anniversaries: Christian Harvey and Monique Boissiere (21), Bob and Sibyl Stairs (22), Arlene and Jim Hill (24)

Thank you to our St. John's family for the tremendous support and assistance given St. Margaret's Guild for the Fall Festival this past weekend. To date the profit tally is \$3,137.25

Christmas at St John's: The schedule for Christmas is printed on the posters around the narthex and available in the weekly email.