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THE GRAPEVINE

Sunday, December 17 2017

Prayer Cycles

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

Anglican: Diocese of Wyoming - VI, The Episcopal Church The Rt Rev John Smylie

Diocesan: The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee

Social Justice and Advocacy: All Saints, Peterborough, the food voucher program and summer bag lunches; All Saints, Sherbourne St, Toronto and its social work and community agency connections.
Deanery: Retired Clergy, the Rev. William Montgomery and the Rev. Murray McColl

Parish Groups: St. Michael's Guild—Diane Passmore

Parish Family: Catherine Shedden; Wayne and Brenda Smart; Brad Smith and Nathan Brinklow (18); Steve and Barb Smith; Ann Snelgrove; Walter and Wendy Somerville (19); Pat Spencer, Bob and Sibyl Stairs; Margaret Steffler, Jean Stewart (20); Barb Storey; Ian Storey; Stuart and Joyce Stovel (21); Tom and Miriam Stroud; Bill and Jean Sutherland (22)

Readings for Sunday, Dec 24th

10:00 am: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
4:00 pm and 10:00 pm: Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

THIS WEEK

Today

- Youth Group meets in the Library—Preparing for Christmas
- 7:00 p.m. Warming Room Christmas Party

Monday Dec 18

- 7:15 pm—Al-Anon

Wednesday Dec 20

- 10:00 am—Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Thursday Dec 21

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

Sunday Dec 24

- Services of worship at 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

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. St John's parishioners will gather in the Nave for the 10:00 celebration and St Barnabas' parishioners will gather in the Guild Hall before processing into the Nave to join St John's people. After the opening of the liturgy, the Open Circle congregation will depart for the Guild Hall. Both congregations will gather together again after worship for a congregational luncheon provided by the Hospitality Committee.

January grocery cards will be distributed Sunday January 7th.

FOR YOUR INTEREST

Library: Even though it is still Advent, we have added some books in the Library to get you started on your Christmas reading. *My Christmas Star: a Hide-and-Seek Story*, *The Donkey's Dream*, Dickens' *Christmas Carol* and *The Messiah* to name a few.

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.

Donations for 2017 must be into the church by December 30th. The church and office are closed December 25th to January 1st. If you require emergency pastoral care during this time please call the church and follow the voicemail instructions to reach Brad.

2018 Offering Envelopes have been ordered but have not arrived yet. As soon as they do they will be in the foyer for pickup. There is still time to sign up for the monthly preauthorized giving program. Call Carolyn for details.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Working Together: When we received a request December 7th for 20 pairs of mitts and 20 hats for ages 4 to 11, we didn’t have one child’s hat nor pair of mitts to give them. Thanks to knitters connected to St. Barnabas’, St. John’s and All Saints, we were able to fill that request in 4 days! Next meeting for Knitters is Wednesday, January 10th at St. John’s following the midweek Communion Service. We will discuss what we can provide and who needs our help. Thanks to those who donated supplies.

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)

If your birthdate or anniversary is not listed and you would like it to be please contact Carolyn in the office with the details.

Nursery: Please note that the nursery will be open for families to use but Cherry will be away December 24th and 31st.

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