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THE GRAPEVINE

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Prayer Cycles

Please pray with us today and throughout this week for:

Anglican: The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain; The Rt Rev Carlos López-Lozano

Diocesan: St. James' Cathedral

Social Justice and Advocacy: The Advocacy Program of the Diocese of Grahamstown, SA ; All Saints, Collingwood and the Green Team; All Saints, King City and Cross-links Housing.

Deanery: the Rev. Marvin McDermott and the Rev. Ron Meacock

Parish Groups: Music Ministry, Director of Music Julie Deck, the Choir and Open Circle Musicians

Parish Family: Murray MacAdam; Dorothy McDonald; Bob and Joanne MacKirdy (3); Charmaine Magumbe; Ray and Kathleen March; Marilyn Martin (4); Sandy McIntosh; Helen McIntyre; Mary McLoughlin (5); Sean, Brenda and Caelan McMurray; Ron and Madeline Meacock (6); Doris Mercer; Dianne Miettinen; Jennifer Moon and Christian Fransky (7)

Readings for Sunday, December 9

Baruch 5:1-9; Philipians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec 3

- 7:15 pm Al-Alon

Wednesday, Dec 5

- 10:00 am mid-week service

Thursday Dec 6

- 10:30 a.m. Biblical Storytellers practice
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, Dec 9

- Services of Worship at 8:15 am, 10:00 am and 10:05 am

LOOKING AHEAD

Advent Wednesdays: Christ Lutheran is offering a soup and sandwich Advent Wednesday Evenings Worship, “Holden Evening Prayer”. Soup served at 5:30, Evening Prayer begins 6:15.

Advent Lunchtime Organ Music: Thursdays 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. at Emmanuel United Church. Dec 6 Douglas Schalin; Dec 13 Giles Bryant; Dec 20 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.

Kids Garden Klub Christmas Shopping Event: Sat, Dec 8. A great opportunity for kids to ‘shop’ for Christmas gifts for their parents and siblings. Any donations, e.g. chocolates, ornaments, small tools or small toys (new or almost new) are greatly appreciated. Please talk to Sydney Turner or Rev. Deb Wilson about this if you would like to make a donation.

Groceries: Do you purchase more groceries than normal in the month of December because of Christmas baking and entertaining? Why not consider buying grocery cards from St. John’s to help with our grocery card fundraising program? Grocery cards make great gifts for post-secondary students living away from home. You can purchase just for the month or find out more information regarding the monthly program. Call Brenda Smart 705-292-7496 if interested in No Frills/Independent or Loblaws. Call Kathy Clysdale 705-742-8756 if interested in FreshCo/Foodland or Sobeys.

Mitten Tree: The Mitten Tree will be displayed in the foyer starting Sunday December 2nd to receive donations of new winter wear: socks, mittens, scarves, and toques. Mittens are especially needed.

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to have flowers placed in the church in memory of a loved one for Christmas please contact the office prior to December 14th. 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.

Blue Christmas; A Service of Healing and Hope: Sunday, December 16th, 4:00 p.m. Not everyone feels like singing "Joy to the World" or "Deck the Halls" at Christmastime. For those who feel loneliness, despair, grief, or sorrow during the holidays this service of worship acknowledges the pain many carry. Join us as we set aside the noise of Christmas for a time of hearing afresh the hope of the good news of the birth of Jesus and offer our pain to God.

Christmas Pageant: As in past years, our Christmas Eve 4 p.m. family service will include a pageant. All are welcome to take part. We will have one rehearsal Saturday December 22nd from 10 to 11:30. Please let Martha Anderson or Rev. Mary know if you'd like to take part. Children who aren't able to attend the practice may still take part Christmas Eve.

FOR YOUR INTEREST

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: Envelopes for the Warming Room shelter and One Roof Community Centre (both ministries of the parish) are on the welcome table. Both programs rely on donations in addition to other funding. One Roof Community Centre invites additional support by the donation of goods and supplies.

PARISH FAMILY

December Birthdays: Elizabeth Lavenuik, Courtney Major (1), Lisa Grant (2) Bonnie Williams (3), Bruce Lister, Margaret Freeman, Elwood Jones, Mark Jones, Bob MacKirdy (7), James Neufeld (9), John Carter (11), Art White, 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: Monique Boissiere and Christian Harvey (21), Bob and Sibyl Stairs (22), Jim and Arlene 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.



CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday, December 16 - 4:00 p.m.
Blue Christmas Service of Healing and Hope

Sunday, December 23 - 10:00 a.m.
A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Monday, December 24 - 4:00 p.m.
Family Celebration of the Birth of Jesus

Monday, December 24 - 10:00 p.m.
Traditional Candlelight Celebration of the Birth of Jesus

Tuesday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.
Traditional Celebration of the Birth of Jesus

Sunday, December 30 - 10:00 a.m.
The First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, January 6 - 10:00 a.m.
The Epiphany of the Lord