

St Andrew's **ConneXions**

December 2018

CONNECTING US TO WORSHIP, MISSION AND EACH OTHER

ConneXions is our New combined News From the Pews and
Congregational Announcements and Events monthly newsletter

Services for Advent & Christmas *We invite you to join us*

Dec 2 - 9:30 & 11:15 am
Communion – Hope Takes Root

Dec 9 - 9:30 & 11:15 am
Music & Message – Changing our Minds

Dec 16 - 9:30 & 11:15 am
Intergenerational Musical
'The Light Before Christmas'

Dec 23 - 9:30 & 11:15 am
Welcoming Love

Dec 24
Children/Family Service - 4:30 pm
Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve-Communion - 9:00 pm

Dec 25 - 10:30 am
Christmas Day

Dec 30—10:30 am
Lessons & Carols

St. Andrew's Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday November 17



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♦ Sunday Jan. 13

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.
NEXT YEAR'S BAZAAR WILL BE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019!**



FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald

Christmas is a busy season of invitations, gatherings, and generous hospitality. We may be less practiced these days at hospitality, yet more than any other time of the year, in December, we are more likely to invite people over to our house; and they are more likely to make time from busy schedules to come.

Hospitality has been a virtue of faith for thousands of years. Remember the story of Abraham and Sarah entertaining three strangers at the Oaks of Mamre. Hosting these three complete strangers was a major deal! Yet the strangers brought an unexpected gift—news that Sarah would soon bear a son in her old age. (*Sarah had a good hearty laugh about that.*) In Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph found no hospitality except for an animal shelter. When Jesus does find hospitality it's often with outsiders and strangers to faith—with tax collectors and sinners. At the Table Jesus shows us that every sharing of bread and wine can be holy ground where he suddenly is present. Jesus shows us that biblical hospitality is not entertainment, but a mutuality of giving and receiving between host and guest. The stranger/guest brings in themselves a gift—enlarging our lives and helping us see ourselves through different eyes. Christmas is a time for practicing biblical hospitality—both in our homes and here at St. Andrew's. In December we will see more folk come to St. Andrew's for worship than at any other time of the year. And this

is a **wonderful gift**. Church consultant, Kenon Callahan says that Christmas attendance is the way that God offers us a glimpse of what our future congregation can look like.

December is also the time of year when people are more open to receive an invitation to church. Who might God be nudging you to invite to St. Andrew's this Advent/Christmas? 86 percent of those who come to church for the first time say that it was because a friend, neighbour or family member invited them. "I go to church, would you like to join me?" It's that easy.

There is an unprecedented spiritual hunger these days in Canada. Although some people may at first be resistant to church—they are much less likely to be resistant to spirituality or conversation about God. Only about 13 percent of Canadians consider themselves atheists—a minority. The vast majority of Canadians are open and seeking authentic community.

Invitational book marks will be in your worship guides and at the welcome desk. Who might God be nudging you to invite "home" to St. Andrew's this Christmas?

Peace to you,

Dr. Tim — Lead Minister, St. Andrew's

INTRODUCING REV. CHRISTIAN PERSAUD, INTERIM PASTORAL CARE LEADER BY TERRY ZIMMER

Although he was born and raised in Toronto, The Rev. Christian Persaud and his wife, Maren, come to us most recently from Gagetown, New Brunswick. He is the youngest of five children and has two brothers and two sisters.

Speaking of his studies and the path that led him into the ministry, Christian gives much credit to his family:

"Faith has been an integral part of my life, as well as my family's, for as long as I can remember. We attended worship services every week --- even on vacation --- and were involved in various groups and committees in the congregation. My family also had nightly devotionals which is something that was very formative in my spiritual life, as we grew up reading scripture, singing, and praying together. " Christian's graduate studies concentrated initially on history, philosophy and religion, culminating in the Master of Divinity program at Knox College.

On the cusp of the change from being the only ordained minister in a two-point charge in rural New Brunswick to St. Andrew's, Christian comments:

"There were many joys in this context, but there were also many demands which required time commitments for

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OUTERWEAR NEEDED

Calgary's weather is getting colder, and the need for warm outerwear gear has increased. Most of us have probably pulled out our mitts, gloves, scarves, hats and warm socks. But there are so many Calgarians that do not have warm winter gear to pull out of storage; therefore, as in other years, the Mission Team is asking you to donate warm winter items to the 'mitten tree' initiative.

Please bring your donations on December 16 at both services, where the children in attendance will collect the items from you during the children's time and decorate our 'mitten tree' with the winter items. Please do not wrap your donations as we need to know what the item is to direct it to the appropriate centre.



Any questions, contact Kathy Slimmon

WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH??

We have a wonderful problem with the St. Andrew's Surge youth group: we are running out of chairs!! That's right, in the past two months attendance to our Thursday night study group, Surge Deep, has tripled. It has been an amazing time for the youth to get to know each other, and each week we have a fun, sometimes hilarious, somewhat serious and always engaging time together.

What do we do?? I'm glad you asked. We have been talking about some of the practices and traditions of the church, particularly those St. Andrew's engages in. For example, a couple of weeks ago we were discussing the Word of God and how the scriptures as we have them today came together. To re-enact the process of illumination, discernment and compilation used from the writings by the Apostles to the Council of Nicea to the present time, we went through the process of creating an abstract painting together. Each youth individually applied his/her own artistic design to the canvas. Once everyone had a turn, we all came together to discuss what fit/didn't fit, what needed to stay and what needed to go. Then we worked together to make sure it was a piece of art we could all agree on. If you'd like to see our masterpiece, feel free to wander over to the youth lounge upstairs. And speaking of the youth lounge...anyone have a couch or loveseat they'd like to donate? The ones in the lounge have seen better days and could use a refresh. All this is to say that God is most definitely at work at St. Andrew's through our youth group, and youth leaders, David, Shona and Rev. Jared and Carolyn Jerrard are excited at seeing what He will do! Please consider praying for this amazing ministry and our amazing youth!

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY "PASTORAL CARE"?

Do you know all the ways we offer pastoral care at St. Andrew's? Do you wonder if we still have a prayer chain, or even what a prayer chain is? What is MealTrain and how can you get on board? Located in the "Pastoral Care" rack in the K. E. Lounge are newly designed brochures describing each ministry that falls under the umbrella of Pastoral Care:

- Bereavement
- CareShare
- District Visitors
- Homebound Ministry
- Hospital Visitation
- Nursing Health
- Prayer Ministry
- Prayer Shawl
- Side by Side
- Stephen Ministry

At St. Andrew's we offer many opportunities to receive, and to give, in ministry. Please take time to read about them and be better informed as to what each team offers. Whatever your need or your gift, these ministries will develop your faith, build healthy relationships, and strengthen your spirit through service.

Judie Coleman, Co-ordinator of Pastoral Care



Psalm 141:2 ~ *May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.*

Do you have a desire to pray for the needs of St. Andrew's? Meet with the Prayer Team in the Sanctuary at 9:15 am on Thursday mornings.

TAKE 150 MINUTES

I'm sure you've heard the name Take 150 by now. If you haven't, let me tell you about it. Take 150 is a ministry organized by the Family Ministry Team offered to children ages 6-12 and their parents or guardians. The event usually takes place on a Saturday evening beginning with the kids being dropped off in Trinity Hall. Parents sign them in and then take off for a much-needed date night, running some errands or maybe just going home to some sweet silence --- whatever their hearts fancy. The kids then have a fun-filled night that involves a delicious supper put on by the amazing Ladies Guild followed by some well-planned activities put on by some wonderful volunteers. Some nights have had a theme such as Halloween, Valentines and Christmas.

Why are we offering this program? First, babysitting is expensive. Add on dinner and a movie and you have one pricey date night. Why not alleviate that for parents, making it easier for them to have time to reconnect. Second, it's an opportunity to engage with elementary-aged children outside of Sunday morning. We offer activities tailored to their age range and align them with a touch of faith exploration. It also enables the kids to invite their friends who may not attend a church to a fun and unintimidating event.

Without a doubt Take 150 has been a real hit with the kids who have attended. One child on arriving at home asked his parents if he could have Take 150 for his birthday party! We would love to offer this on a more regular basis, possibly once a month. Here's the thing, we cannot do it without more volunteers. The Ladies Guild has been fabulous in providing meals for us at each event. And we have had some great activity volunteers too --- but that is where we need more help. It's really quite fun: pick a theme, plan some games, get creative and basically have a blast. Teams of two to four are a good idea. If you think this is a way that you could serve, we would be thrilled to hear from you. This has very much been an intergenerational event, so do not let age stop you from helping. A team that varies in ages and abilities will work! Please contact Carolyn Jerrard at cdjerrard2@gmail.com or 403-474-1249 to talk more about helping with this fantastic ministry.

SMALL GROUPS



Small group Bible study is a great way to get to know others in our congregation and deepen your relationship with God. There are different forms this can take, from a

video-based series to a manuscript study. Small groups deepen community and the Family Ministry Team hopes you will take an interest in diving deeper into your faith and connecting with others. If you are interested in exploring the opportunity of a small group, please contact Stephanie Werle at swerle@telus.net or speak with a member of the Family Ministry Team. Please note that small groups are good for our whole church family - all generations are invited to get involved.

FILL THE FREEZER

Family Ministry and the CareShare Team are continuing to ask for help to - Fill the Freezer! We have a dedicated freezer in the Inner Hall where you may leave a frozen meal for someone who could benefit from the gift of a meal. Here's how it works: You bring a meal or baked goods, labelled with what it is, serving size, list of all ingredients, date made, and your name, to the Inner Hall at the church and place it in the freezer marked 'Family Ministry - Fill the Freezer'. Next - A member of the



Ministerial, CareShare or Family Ministry Team will deliver your meal to a family in need. Questions? Please contact Joan Rowe at mjrowe@telus.net or Stephanie Werle at swerle@telus.net. or add your name at the Volunteer Corner.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE COMMUNION?

St. Andrew's will be providing an opportunity for all members of the congregation to serve Communion at the intinction services. This can be a wonderful and meaningful way to grow one's faith in service. Please contact the office if you are interested in serving in this way. Once we have sufficient numbers, we will plan a short orientation session.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – NOVEMBER 2018

DEBBY DORCAS, CLERK OF SESSION



- We are happy to welcome the **Rev. Christian Persaud** as our Interim Pastoral Care Leader. Christian grew up in St. David's Presbyterian Church, Toronto and met his wife Maren while they were both studying at Knox College, University of Toronto. They recently moved to Calgary, as Maren was called to serve as Minister for Children and Youth at Grace Presbyterian Church. Christian enjoys watching sports, going for day hikes, taking road trips, and just spending quality time with loved ones. Christian will be in worship twice a month at St. Andrew's. Please introduce yourself over the coming weeks and make him welcome!
 - Dr. Tim is gathering a list of those who have asked about **church membership**, and will be leading preparation classes around the Lenten season.
 - Dr. Tim will be away from December 31 – January 7 for vacation with his family – everyone will be **home for the holidays!**
 - St. Andrew's application to participate in **Stewards By Design**, May 2-5, 2019, has been accepted.
 - Stewardship and Planning is pleased to announce **mobile transaction** for debit and credit card donations, as well as website donations (through Helcim Inc).
 - The average number of clients for the **Food Bank** (at our location) per Saturday is seven, up from three when the satellite was opened one year ago. There are enough volunteers, but there is fluctuation and new volunteers are always welcomed. If interested, please speak with Bill Judd or Liza Fuenning.
 - Stewardship and Planning presented a **preliminary 2019 budget** to Session.
 - A **Task Force on Renewal** has been created to work with Dr. Tim on the following:
 - Renewal of Vision (which is why we called Tim)
 - Renewal of Governance and Structure (flow, streamlining, efficiencies)
 - Renewal of Leadership
- Members of the Task Force are: Rhonda Wishart (chair), Lynn Judd, Craig Murray, David Platt, Debby Dorcas – with power to engage others as needed
- We are thrilled to report a problem. How often does THAT happen? Our problem is that we have too many youth coming out for **Youth Group** to fit everyone in the Youth Room upstairs. Working together with Cody, the choir, and the Scouts/Beavers/Cubs group who are also here on Thursday nights, we have come up with a solution of switching groups/rooms so that the Youth Group now have the Upper Room as well as the Youth Room on Thursdays. Youth and their leaders now have the room they need for this important ministry! The Choir will meet in the Sanctuary and the Scouts/Beavers/Cubs in Trinity Hall.

Introducing **Rev. Christian Persaud, Interim Pastoral Care Leader** *Continued from page 3*

administrative work and took away from opportunities to be present with people. When I heard about the opportunity at St. Andrew's, I was excited at the prospect of being part of a team of ministers, each with specific roles and responsibilities, which would then allow me to focus on pastoral concerns and spend time with people which is what I enjoy most in ministry. . . . I look forward to visiting with individuals and families, but

also supporting the pastoral care teams, and perhaps encouraging others in the congregation to help in ways that they might not have considered before."

Asked how we, the congregation, can be of assistance in his new role, answered:

" . . . let others know when you need help. It's hard when society places an emphasis on being independent and powerful, rather than saying you need help or could benefit from prayer, food, or a visit. We have lots of programs and teams available to help, but they need to be informed before they can meet a need."



The Ladies Afternoon Guild will be holding their buffet Christmas lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 11 in the Garden Court Dining Room, Glenmore Inn at 11:30 am. We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us. Sign up sheet in the foyer. Rides available. Hope you can join us!

Prices are \$21.67 (\$18.05 seniors) and includes gratuity and a beverage.

THEY CAME, THEY BOUGHT, THEY ATE... BY JAYNE MARTIN

Once again, this year's St. Andrew's Christmas Bazaar was a huge success thanks to countless volunteer hours and generous patrons not scared off by the previous day's snow and cooler temperatures. The activity in St. Andrew's was hopping.

Here are some Tea Room figures in comparison to last year:

	2018	2017
Meals served:	309	267
Desserts served:	236	202
Beverages served:	272	244

I know we ran out of the delicious carrot soup, beef on a bun, chili, apple pie, ginger cake, and we used up the last of the ice cream, leaving us with only a few sandwiches left to sell between services!

The Ladies Guild volunteers made:

- 130 steamed Christmas puddings
- 172 pounds of pastry (sure glad they didn't use kilograms), which they baked into:
- 1,057 mince tarts
- 949 butter tarts
- 6 blueberry tarts
- 45 pies



The Bake Room sold:

- 1500 cookies or 125 dozen (customers filled 75 tins with a variety of cookies)
- 150 jars of antipasto, relish, jam, and honey
- 150 samosas
- 24 jars of chimichurri spread

One comment I heard was how very organized the Bake Room was. Well done, ladies!

The Candy Table sold over \$1,200 worth of homemade treats.

There were 28 massages given in the Boutique, totalling \$140. This was a unique idea which I think sets us apart from other bazaars. Scott, Kaili, and Mitch all had a great time and have already signed on again for next year.

The Kids Zone was once again a huge hit with the bouncy obstacle course provided by the Family Ministry Team. The table tennis and foosball tables were also set up and well used; providing many parents with the opportunity to shop without their kidlets—like a mini Take 150!

To recognize the talent that St. Andrew's Bazaar has attracted, all you needed to do was visit our Craft Room and our Art Room. Many thanks for all of the effort that went into creating such a wide variety of crafts available for sale in the Craft Room and for the talented artists who displayed their work in the Art Room. We are very fortunate. This year, by taking the opportunity to display the artwork in the Sanctuary, we also received numerous compliments about our beautiful Sanctuary.

When all is said and done, the approximate total from the Bazaar this year was \$12,000! A job very well done! A huge thank you to our 149 volunteers and to all of you who came out and supported us. We couldn't have accomplished this without you!

So, mark your calendars. **Next year's Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019!**



HELP FOR HOMELESSNESS BY BILL JUDD

What do Calgary Homeless Foundation, KAIROS, CUPS Calgary and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church have in common? A heart for the homeless and a determination to make a difference.

You may know something about each of these organizations, but you may not have heard much about how they come together to help create homes for those in need.

The Calgary Homeless Foundation was established in 1998, bringing together business and community leaders in an effort to focus attention on the issues around homelessness in Calgary. In 2008, a 10-year

plan to end homelessness in Calgary was launched. The plan involved aligning the efforts of many agencies already active in the area (e.g., Mustard Seed, Inn From The Cold, Drop-In Centre, CUPS Calgary), as well as driving corporate fundraising and lobbying for government supports. Over the years the Calgary Homeless Foundation established dozens of housing projects for a variety of particular needs, including four buildings aimed at helping families with "A Place to Call Home" --- APCH. These were for families and individuals who showed the potential to be independent and offered a flexible stay, subsidized housing option, with a focus on developing a sense of community within

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the projects and their surrounding neighbourhoods. While the overall goal of ending homelessness remains elusive, Calgary's homeless population has been reduced by more than 50 per cent. The work continues. Kairos is a multi-denominational partnership of Canadian churches working for justice and peace in

our communities, across Canada and around the world. As the 10-year plan to end homelessness in Calgary was getting underway, Kairos Calgary stepped up with a pledge to fundraise to pay off the mortgage of the first community housing project at Acadia Place. This involved fundraising from each church in Calgary, including St. Andrew's, as well as city-wide fundraisers, including the annual Coldest Night of the Year walks. In 2017, the mortgage for Acadia Place was paid in full, helping to ensure availability of housing opportunities for families in need. Acadia Place remains the largest of the community housing projects with two- and three-bedroom apartments for families of various sizes. Kairos fundraising efforts continue in support of paying down the mortgages at the other three community housing buildings.

Kairos also became the focal point for church volunteers wanting to help develop a sense of community in the APCH buildings. Regular meetings are held to plan activities and share ideas about how to help at each of the four buildings --- Acadia Place, Claire, Bankview and Longbow. Volunteer activities include helping with settling new tenants (who often arrive with nothing), community garden, property clean-up and fence restoration, planning and sharing coffee time, cards, breakfasts, suppers, crafts and activities, and, in particular, a big Christmas dinner and party.

CUPS Calgary has been a leading social services provider to the low-income population of Calgary for many years. It began in 1989 as an outreach partnership of downtown churches and has grown to include medical and dental services, parenting support, substance abuse counseling, emergency housing and education supports. Six years ago, a new role of Community Developer was established to provide

support to the APCH buildings --- for individual and community needs, as well as a partnering link with Kairos church volunteers.

St. Andrew's has been involved from the early days of fundraising for the Acadia Place mortgage through Kairos and the beginning steps of coming alongside to build a sense of community. One of our earliest involvements was the rebuilding of wooden fencing at Acadia Place in the fall of 2011. Our involvements have continued to grow, including --- a "Seventh Heaven" concert fundraiser; participation in a series of Coldest Night of the Year walks (homeless awareness and fundraising event); engaging the Heritage Seniors group in providing toys for kids at Christmas; another fence at Claire Building; a community garden at Claire; help with community breakfasts, suppers, coffee hour; and the Christmas party. Along the way, numerous beds, couches, dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, as well as kitchen and household items have been donated and delivered. Generous donors and volunteer movers from St. Andrew's have been a big help to families getting started in their new homes. As time goes by, friendships are formed and the world, theirs and ours, is a little richer.

Today, St. Andrew's is still involved in meeting with the people at APCH. While our main focus is the Claire Building, which is quite close to our Church at the corner of 73 Ave. and 4A St. SW, we remain part of the collective work, through Kairos, at all four of the APCH buildings. Most recently, through the initiative of St. Andrew's Mission Team, we have identified a critical need for clean, comfortable beds and have set aside money from the Legacy Fund for this use. A local mattress manufacturer helps with wholesale pricing, and we arrange for pick-up and delivery. In a little over a year, we have supplied approximately 24 new beds to those in need. It makes a world of difference. While the need looms large, the help that we are able to provide is much appreciated and, we trust, the Love of God ripples through all of our efforts.

We've had a host of St. Andrew's volunteers helping in this work as needs arise. If you would like to learn more, feel free to contact Bill Judd at 403-278-5904.



INTERGENERATIONAL MUSICAL: SUNDAY, DEC. 16TH

If you like to sing and have fun, please consider joining us for our intergenerational musical this year. We provide a CD so you can sing in your car to learn the songs, and we try to keep practices to a "few times" in November/December. Watch the Volunteer Corner, or contact Debby Dorcas at 403-255-0001 for more information. We'd love to have you participate - the more the merrier!

A GREAT WEEKEND BY SHELIA KIRKLAND

St. Andrew's Hall, the Presbyterian arm of Vancouver School of Theology, gave St. Andrew's church a wonderful gift by sending the Rev. Dr. Bob Paul to us on the first weekend in November. Bob is the Dean of St. Andrew's Hall and also the professor of Mission Theology at VST. He came to lead us in a workshop on Saturday, Nov. 3 as well as to preach for us on Nov. 4.

Bob's workshop was informative, inspirational and challenging. Almost 50 members of the St. Andrew's family attended the workshop and were very well rewarded. Bob traced the development of the concept of mission from the days of Christendom, when the spread of the gospel was closely tied to the introduction of western culture, to the present understanding that mission is really God's mission, in which the church is privileged to have a part. The emphasis is on the fact that God is always at work, and it is not all up to us,

although we have a part to play. It calls us to pray for the gift of discernment, so that we don't miss the work that God is doing all around us. Instead of asking, "What should we be doing?" we can ask, "What is God doing, and how do we work along with God?" Who knows how God will use us if we ask the right questions!

You can participate in the workshop through St. Andrew's Facebook page (calgarystandrews). You will receive the message but will miss the coffee, cookies and camaraderie that those who attended enjoyed.

It was indeed a great privilege to have Bob among us for the weekend, and we are grateful to Vancouver School of Theology for sending him to us.

ON LINE GIVING AT ST. ANDREW'S

St. Andrew's is a community of vibrant mission and ministry. Everything St. Andrew's does is made possible by the financial generosity of our congregation.

We are a society that is increasingly using plastic cards in lieu of cash or cheques. The church now has a way you can donate using electronic transactions if you prefer. Stewardship and Planning chose Helcim, a Calgary-based electronic commerce payment company, to be the church's electronic payment vendor.

It is now possible to make donations to the ministry of St. Andrew's in the following ways:

- via credit card or debit card after each worship service
- via credit card on our website (instructions will be available on the website soon)
- weekly offering envelopes
- cheque or cash in the offering plate (please provide your name or envelope number)
- through PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance)
- legacy gifts through our Planned Giving program

If you have any questions about any of the giving options listed above, please contact Dolly Forcade, church treasurer at 403-255-0001.



HERITAGE SENIORS

Registration \$20

September 2018 to August 2019

<u>Monday</u>	9:30 am	Aerobics
	10:30 am	Carpet Bowling
	10:30 am	Yoga
	12:30 pm	Bridge
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:00 am	Art Group
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00 am	Music Makers
<u>Thursdays</u>	9:20 am	Aerobics
	10:30 am	Carpet Bowling
	10:30 am	Stretch

December Luncheon
December 3rd @ 12:00 noon
Tickets: Members \$15.00
Non-Members \$21.00

Should you wish to bring a gift for a boy or girl under 12 years old, gifts will be collected and distributed at Woods Christian Homes.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

*In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Through the gracious sharing of gifts of time, talent and money God has blessed us at St. Andrew's. This fall we have welcomed a number of new families. They have been drawn by the warmth of the congregation and meaningful worship that is supported by your giving. Through generous giving St. Andrew's now has a benevolent fund to serve those with special need.

Envelope/Par Givings

In support of the valuable ministry of St. Andrew's, our giving goal to the end of October was \$415,180 and you have generously given \$388,938. We would like to thank you for your generosity. Our giving goal by year end is \$498,216.

Special offering

At our "God Is Good" Stewardship dinner in September a goal was set to increase our giving this year by \$10,000. Already we have received \$6,280 toward our \$10,000 goal—we thank you. If you would like to help put us over the top simply designate "\$10,000 challenge" on the "other" line of your offering envelope.

Thank you for supporting a ministry that is making a difference for Christ in our community and the world.

Community *ConneXions*



The Salvation Army is desperately looking for volunteers to 'ring the bells' with their Christmas Kettle Campaign. At present, only **30%** of their volunteer shifts have been filled. Please sign up as a volunteer at www.TSACalgaryKettles.com or call 403-410-1113 for assistance with signing up. Your help is invaluable to their cause. By giving only three hours of your time you will have given the gift of hope to so many.

Winter Alleluia — Calgary Women's Chorus in Concert with the Lily String Quartet, conducted by Cody Obst. Sunday, December 9th, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Deer Park United Church, 77 Deerpoint Road SE. Tickets: \$15 Adults/Seniors, \$10 Students, Children 12 & Under FREE. For tickets and more information visit www.calgarywomenschorus.ca



Christmas with New West— New West Symphony and Chorus 8th Annual Christmas concert December 15 at 7:30 pm Jack Singer Concert Hall. Tickets range in price from \$15-25 (plus applicable fees). For tickets and more information visit <http://gonwsc.com>

Festival of Lessons and Carols with the Laudate Community Singers, formerly Ambrose Community Singers, December 15 at 7:30 pm, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 1121 14 Ave SW. Tickets \$15 at the door and on Eventbrite.

Caring *ConneXions*

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend out deepest sympathy to;

- the family of Jean Mack who passed away Oct. 31
- Joslyn and Ervin Hull on the death of Joslyn's niece
- the family and friends of Charlotte McWilliams who passed away November 18
- Don and Edith Partlo on the passing of Don's sister Mary Jane on November 11



December Volunteers

	9:30 am	11:15 am	9:30 am	11:15 am
	<u>Greeters</u>		<u>Ushers</u>	
December 2	Shirley & Clayton Howe	Judie & Fred Coleman	Elders	Elders
December 9	Jean & John McPhee	Kathleen Tomie & Betty Burtch	Lynn & Alfred MacRae	Gail & Rene Prevost
December 16	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
December 23	Norah & Bruce Finlay	Roger Degraff	Audrey & Roger Cole	Debby Dorcas & Brian Hawco
December 24	4:30: 7:00: 9:00: Sherrill Allan		4:30: 7:00: Marianne Attridge & Noel White 9:00: Joan & Mark Rowe	
December 25				
December 30	Arlene & Don Young (One 10:30 am service)		Lawrence Anderson & Loran McVittie (One 10:30 am service)	
	<u>Welcome Desk</u>		<u>Shepherds</u>	
December 2	Emma McIntyre	Terry Zimmer	George Amos	Ted Cantlon
December 9	Carol Olton	Gail Prevost	Joan Rowe	Mark Rowe
December 16	Linda Ripley	Shirley Allen	Maureen Amos	Cathy Miller
December 23	Annette Shaw	Emily & Bill MacKenzie	Craig Murray	Ted Cantlon
December 30	Kathleen Tomie (One 10:30 am service)		Noel White (One 10:30 am service)	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Nov 30 Christmas Cookie Plate drop off 9–12 pm & 1–4 pm KEL	1 Christmas Cookie Plate 9 am Food Bank 1:00 pm TH Food Bank Thank you Volunteers 3:30 pm
2  Communion 9:30 & 11:15 am	3 Christian Ed 7 pm LF	4 Coffee & Conversation Bible Study 9:30 am KEL Aboriginal Awareness Org. cmte 7:00 pm LF S&P Facilities 7:00 pm KEL	5 <i>Side By Side 9:45 am KEL</i> Worship 6:30 pm KEL Bible Study 6:30 pm LF Hand Bell/Chime Practice 7:30 pm TH	6 ADVENTure Practice 6:15 pm S Choir 7:30 pm S	7	8 Food Bank 1:00 pm TH
9 Music & Message Changing our Minds 9:30 & 11:15 am	10	11 Coffee & Conversation Bible Study 9:30 am KEL Stephen Ministry 1:00 pm LF LAG buffet Christmas Lunch 11:30 am S&P Stewardship 7:00 pm KEL	12 <i>Side By Side 9:45 am KEL</i> Bible Study 6:30 pm LF S&P Planning Leads 7:00 pm KEL Hand Bell/Chime Practice 7:30 pm TH	13 ADVENTure Practice 6:15 pm S Praise Team 7:30 pm S	14	15 Food Bank 1:00 pm TH ADVENTure Practice 2:30 pm S
16 Intergenerational musical: The Light Before Christmas 9:30 & 11:15 am	17 LEG 7:30 pm KEL	18 Coffee & Conversation Bible Study 9:30 am KEL	19 Bible Study 6:30 pm LF Hand Bell/Chime Practice 7:30 pm TH	20 Choir 7:30 pm S	21	22 Food Bank 1:00 pm TH
23  Hymn Sing before Service Welcoming Love 9:30 & 11:15 am	24 Children/Family Service 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion Service 9:00 pm	25  Christmas Service 10:30 am Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27	28	29 Food Bank 1:00 pm TH
30  Lessons & Carols 10:30 am	31		<i>This calendar does not show all church bookings. Please call the Office at 403-255-0001 if you wish to book a meeting.</i>	Please confirm all meeting times & dates with your Team's Convenor	"KEL" refers to Karl English Lounge "LF" refers to Lower Fireside Room "YL" refers to Youth Lounge "S" refers to Sanctuary	"UR" refers to Upper Room "TH" refers to Trinity Hall "KIT" refers to Kitchen "IH" refers to Inner Hall