

St. John's Proclaims Christ in . . .

Welcoming Fellowship

Today's Greeters

Jacqui & Alijah Chartier
and Sheila Jakus



BIRTHDAYS!

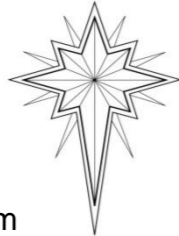
Celebrating a Birthday this week is Samantha Collins on December 23, Cathy Jeatt and Trisha van der Westhuizen on December 26 and Marjorie Henson on December 27. Happy birthday ladies!

Christmas Services at St. John's

Traditional Afrikaans Christmas Carol Service **TODAY** at 3:30pm!

December 24

Traditional Christmas Eve Service at 4pm
Christmas Candlelight Service at 7pm



Visit Your Church Library!

Books are on display for reading during Advent.

Journey of Christmas Dec 14 – 23, 6 to 9pm

The woods behind **St. Mark's Anglican Church** are the backdrop for this 16th annual event. There are nine theatres with mannequins, lights, props and audio explaining the Christmas story in this outdoor setting. After the guided walk, enjoy cookies, cocoa and live entertainment most evenings at 12953 20th Ave.

*"Those who lived in a land of deep shadows—light! ...
Oh, they're so glad in Your presence! Festival joy!
The joy of a great celebration, sharing rich gifts and warm greetings...
For a Child has been born—for us!
The gift of a Son—for us!
He'll take over the running of the world.
His names will be: Amazing Counselor, Strong God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness!
His ruling authority will grow, and there'll be no limits
to the wholeness He brings!" Isaiah 9*



SESSION, BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Next Session Meeting is January 27, 2015 at 7pm

Sunday Morning Worship Begins at 10:30am.

A service in the **Afrikaans** language is held each **second** and **fourth** Sunday at 9am.

Senior Minister:

Rev. Willem van der Westhuizen 604-535-3422

Music Director:

Reynhardt Crause 604-536-9322

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**Please note: The Church Office will be closed
from December 24 through January 5
and will re-open on January 6.**

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Fourth Sunday in Advent



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St. John's

Morning Praise

"Angels From the Realms of Glory" Hymn 146
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Hymn 148
"Away In A Manger" Hymn 149

Announcements

Advent Liturgy Ted&JeanAndrew

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Greeting & Call to Worship

"Go Tell It On the Mountain" Hymn 133

We Listen To God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 1 :26 – 38 p. 723 / 1588

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Were You There On That Christmas Night?"

Sermon **"Faith, Surprise, Surrender and a Virgin Birth – Too Far Fetched?"**

Prayers of the People

"We Three Kings" Hymn 173

We Respond to God's Word

Gathering of the Offering

Doxology Hymn 830

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

We Go Out in God's Name

"The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy"

Charge & Benediction

"Come To Us, Lord Jesus Christ" R. Crause

Postlude

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Uplifting Worship

Bible Readings December 22 to December 28

Isaiah 62:1 – 12; Psalm 96 : 1 – 13;

Luke 2:1– 14; John 1: 1 – 14;

Acts 6:1 – 15; Psalm 148:1 – 14;

Luke 2:15 – 21

Wednesday Bible Studies

Pastor Willem's Wednesday studies are now on break for the holidays and will resume in the New Year.

The In-Home Bible Study held each Wednesday at 10am is on break for the Christmas holiday and will resume January 14, 2015. For more info contact Sheila at 604-536-0228.

Ladies Thursday Bible Study is now on Christmas break and will meet again in the New Year.

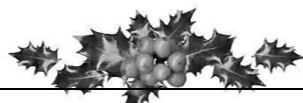
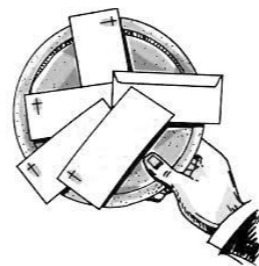
2015 Presbyterian Church Calendars are for sale today after church in the centre hall at a cost of \$5 each. Be sure to get one!

Pick Up Your 2015 Offering Envelopes

in the centre hall today.

New envelopes should not be used before January 1, 2015.

If you have any questions please speak to Denise Langley, our Envelope Secretary, or you may call her at 604-560-3477.



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Compassionate Service

Prayer Requests: George Boulet, Hope Crawford, Brian Doka, Don Duff, Brad Forster, Dorothy Hayes, Eleanor Janzen, Alex Lozanski, Margaret McKenzie, Jim McKee, Sybrand Pretorius, Lorraine Roberts, daughter of Mariana Tejero, The Presbytery of Westminster and The First Presbyterian Church in New West.

Intercessory Prayer Ministry is headed by Maxine Watson. You are welcome to join our **prayer group** here at St. John's each **Thursday morning at 11**. You may give your prayer requests to Maxine at **778-294-2829** or use forms available in the pews.

Mission Moments

Bringing Hope to Inner-City Winnipeg

Through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, Winnipeg Inner City Missions helps people to develop or recover a healthy physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual self. WICM ministers to children and youth through after school programs. The "Miracle Store" provides the community with essential needs, while allowing choice, encouraging saving and providing dignity to people who are viewed with suspicion in other stores. Anishinabe Place of Hope offers residents clean, safe, sober housing and access to professional services. A worship service and Sunday school classes are held every Sunday afternoon, where two different spiritual traditions come together. WICM's director, the Rev. Margaret Mullin shares, "Our families are encouraged to be who they are. They are Anishinabe people with a rich spiritual heritage who are embracing the way of Christ."