

St. John's Proclaims Christ in . . .

Welcoming Fellowship

Today's Greeters

Keith & Lesley Leishman



Celebrating a Birthday this week is Jan Venter on December 15 and May Duncan on December 20. Enjoy your day!

Happy Anniversary and Best Wishes

to Sidney & Lyzette Field, Willie & Ellen Joubert and Pierre & Wilma Vuilleumier on December 15 and Jim & Kathy Druchet on December 16.

The Lunch Hut Christmas meal will be this Friday, December 19. We are asking for pie donations. Your support is appreciated.

Visit Your Church Library!

Books are on display for reading during Advent.

You're Invited to an Advent Supper & Sing!

Hosted by our White Rock Lutheran congregation **TODAY, December 14 at 4:00pm** here at St. John's. Turkey and the trimmings will be provided. **Please bring a side dish or dessert.**

If you subscribe to **These Days Daily Devotions for Living by Faith**, pick up your copy in the office today.



Community Christmas Events

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.

Handel's Messiah Sat, Dec 20 at 7:30pm

Come and enjoy this beloved Christmas tradition at **Good Shepherd Church** located at 2250 150th Street. Music will be performed by the Handel Society Choir with orchestra. Tickets are \$20 each or \$15 for seniors and will be available at the door. You may call 604-591-2632 with questions.

SESSION, BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Our Next Session Meeting time and date has been changed to Thursday, December 18 at 7pm

Sunday Morning Worship Begins at 10:30am.

In **December** we will have one **Afrikaans** worship service (today) December 14 at 9am. December 21 we will have a traditional Afrikaans Christmas Carol service at 3:30pm.

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Rev. Willem van der Westhuizen 604-535-3422

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Office Hours are Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am – 1pm

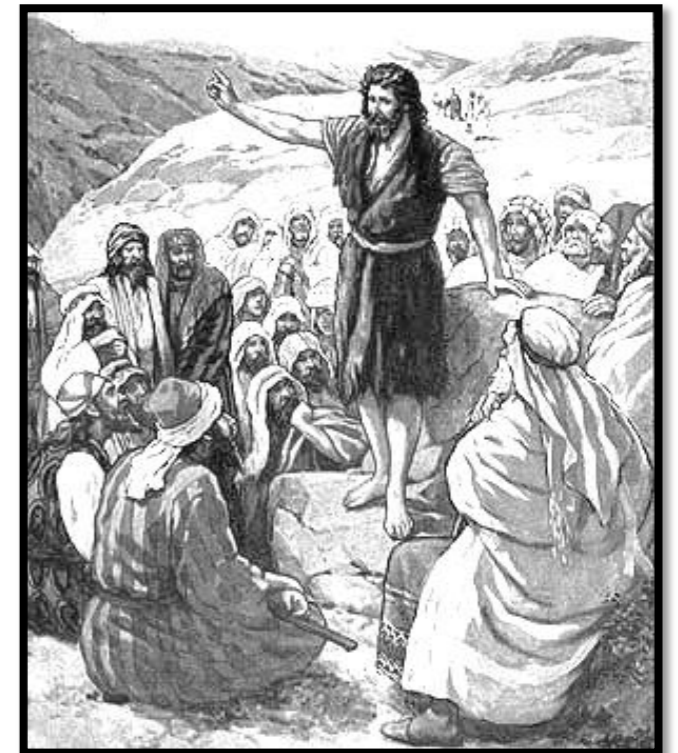
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St. John's Presbyterian Church

White Rock, BC

December 14, 2014

Third Sunday in Advent



We Gather in God's Name

Hymn Sing

"He Is Coming Again"

"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul"

"Be Still"

Announcements

Advent Liturgy Dave & Fern Beale

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Greeting & Call to Worship

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Hymn 159

We Listen To God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 1 : 6 – 8 and 19 – 28 p. 750 / 1645

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

Anthem "Advent Celebration" John Paige

Sermon **"Truth, Light, Life → Son of God!"**

Prayers of the People

"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult" Hymn 672

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

"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" Hymn 376

Charge & Benediction

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

Postlude "Toccata Per Organo" M. Galletti

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Uplifting Worship

Bible Readings December 15 to December 21

Haggai1:1 – 15;Haggai2 : 1 – 9;

Haggai2:10– 23;2 Samuel7: 1 – 17;

2 Samuel 7:18 – 29;1 Chronicles 16:23 – 36;

Matthew1:18 – 25

Wednesday Bible Studies

Pastor Willem'sWednesday studies will **break** for the holidays after the**December 17** meeting and resume in the New Year.

The In-Home Bible Study

held each Wednesday at 10am will **break** for the Christmas holiday after the**December 17** meeting and will resume January 14, 2015. For more info contact Sheila at 604-536-0228.

LadiesThursday Bible Study

is now on Christmas break and will meet again in the New Year.

2015 Presbyterian Church Calendars

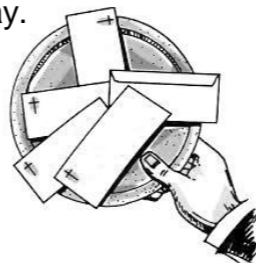
are for sale today after church in the centre hall at a cost of \$5 each. Be sure to get one!

Your 2015 Offering Envelopes

are available 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, Jim McKee, Sybrand Pretorius, Lorraine Roberts, 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

Male Motivators Lead On Maternal Health

Patrick and his wife Caroline live with their newborn baby in northern Malawi. While Caroline was pregnant, the couple received visits from their village safe motherhood committee. "This was the first time I realized it was risky for my wife to deliver at home," remembers Patrick. After that visit, Patrick began to act as a male motivator. Through PWS&D's maternal health program, male motivators are equipped with the knowledge and skills to help other men understand the effects of pregnancy and delivery for their partners and to take an active role in the welfare of their families. Patrick recalls travelling to the health facility early to ensure they were ready when Caroline went into labour. Patrick's experience of a happy and healthy delivery just reinforces for him "why men should always be with their wives during pregnancy!"