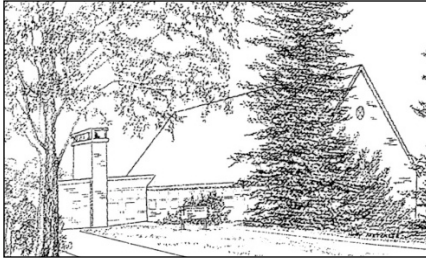


Church Chatter at St. David's



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A Resolution for Winter, Rev. Leigh Sinclair

Blessed winter nights bring longer stretches of darkness. I am going to enter this winter with a resolution to relish the space darkness allows for reflection and rest. I will use candle light more and take up the craving to bake something in a warm oven. I am going to pray more for this world: for peace to grow, justice to spread and faith to deepen. I will pray more for all of you, using these words by Spencer LaJoye.

*I pray that your burden gets lighter each day
I pray the mean voice in your head goes away
I pray that you honor the grief as it comes
I pray you can feel all the life in your lungs
I pray that if you go all day being brave
that you can go home, go to bed feeling safe.
I pray you're forgiven, I pray you forgive.*



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS



All services will be in person AND online/livestreamed.

Drawn to the Hope:	Sunday, November 27	10:15 Carol Sing, Worship
Drawn to the Peace:	Sunday, December 4	10:30 Worship with Communion
Drawn to the Joy :	Sunday, December 11	10:30 Worship with candle-lighting
Drawn to the Love:	Sunday, December 18	10:15 Carol Sing, Worship
Drawn to the Comfort:	Wednesday, December 21	7:00 PM Blue Christmas Service
Drawn to the Manger :		
Saturday, December 24	5:00 PM	45-minute service for all ages.
Saturday, December 24	7:00 PM	Story, music and candles.

There will be no service Sunday, December 25.

New Year's Celebration Sunday, January 1 10:30 AM with Communion

CONNECTIONS COORDINATOR

Winter Greetings from the Connection Coordinator:

Looking back on 2022....

Examples from Judy's last year... ... We value your pastoral heart and fresh ideas.

The decision to cancel Church Services to support the Health Care Professionals and Frontline Workers. Doing our part... Thank you to the Church Council/Rev. Leigh and their leadership.

Connecting by telephone calls and emails.

The Alzheimer's and Dementia session held in October at the church was meant to offer resource information and meaningful discussion to folks who are caring for others. We pray that caregivers who are searching for meaningful and spiritual support find this within our ministry. May these efforts offer encouragement, strength and the assurance that you are not alone in your journey.

St. David's family is praying for those who are isolated, lonely, grieving, broken-hearted and needing healing as we move forward. We will make new memories with our loved ones, friends, church family, coworkers etc. For our friends in Senior Places, we are thinking of you and miss you. Christmas is Coming. There is Hope each day....

Blessings from Donna Kruk



INREACH-OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Inreach-Outreach Committee meets once a month on the second Sunday, right after the church service. Our members are Ron and Linda Thompson, Kirby Dublanko, Robin Stuart, and Shauna Dittrick.

Our first event was in September, assisting the Men's Club with the Welcome Back B.B.Q. Luncheon. This was very well attended, and the food was delicious! Lots of visiting took place in our newly renovated C.E. Wing!

Our second event was in October, assisting Rev. Leigh, with identifying our gifts through different topics, when we gathered together in groups. This was a very informative time for us.

We hope to have more events coming! Please join us!

Submitted by Linda Thompson.



MEN'S CLUB

The St. David's United Men's Club has had a busy fall, and is looking forward to a busy winter.

The Men's Club continues to meet at O'Brien's on the second Saturday of each month for breakfast, fellowship, and interesting conversations. The breakfast is good and relatively inexpensive, and our waitress has even learned our preferences.

As well, we have had a series of guest speakers from within the club, sharing their personal stories and travel tales. Robin Stuart shared a poem with us that he memorized as a young teacher, and Bob Brown and Brian Charanduk have shared pictures from their travels. In the coming months, we will be hearing more interesting stories from David Marriott, Al Burdeyney and Ron Thompson.

However, it's not all fun and games for the Men's Club. We also mowed the lawn and took care of the Memorial Garden over the summer, and cleaned up the yard this fall. The Men's Club cooked the burgers and hot dogs for the "Welcome Back" barbecue on September 11. We decided not to hold a Harvest Dinner this year, but we are planning a Pancake Super for next Shrove Tuesday.

The Men's Club welcomes anyone who wants to join us on Saturday mornings. We aspire to be the most enjoyable part of the life of our church.

Submitted by David Marriott



U.C.W.

UCW Units 1 and 4 have amalgamated and will be known as St. David's UCW. We will continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month at 2:00.

The kitchen has been cleaned and unpacked. Before donating items to the Church kitchen, please check with Judy B. or Janet R. to see if your items are needed. This will help keep the kitchen organized and free of clutter.

On Saturday, October 29, a cleaning bee was assembled and we scrubbed the tables and chairs in the C.E. wing. Everything smells so fresh!

Upcoming Events:

Baking and Craft Sale Sunday, November 27, after church. If members of the congregation would like to contribute baking or crafts, please have them at the church Saturday, November 26, at 1:00.

The UCW will be having their annual Christmas Potluck (5:30) and Service (7:00) on Monday, December 5.



NOTES FROM COUNCIL

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place at the beginning of February.

This year, we have some vacancies on Council.
We need to elect the following:

a new Chair, a Member-at-Large, and
2 representatives for Northern Spirit Regional.

If you have any questions about the positions, or would consider serving on Council, please contact Rev. Leigh or Janice Storeshaw.

