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Week of December 30th, 2018

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

- Mickey Nowell and Lee (Ragsdale) Nowell.
- Sylvia Adams Segger, lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her husband Norman, her children Graham, Joyce, Hilary, & Betty, their spouses, children, grandchildren, & friends.

GIFT - Sunday, December 30

The children will be remaining with us during the 9:30 am service this morning. Our GIFT church school programming will resume next Sunday, January 6th.

Many Thanks to the Altar Guild members and all who assisted them in decorating the church for the Christmas season. It looks lovely, and we are grateful!

Youth Group Epiphany Party

Youth in grades 9 through 12 are invited to join us in the youth room on Sunday, January 6th at 7pm for a festive gathering. There will be food and fun!

Have you considered a flower memorial to remember loved ones gone? If you'd like more information, Maryann Lennox would be happy to explain how the memorials are handled. Call or email her at 905.335.6946 or maryannlennox2@gmail.com



Fit for Service

Our Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning fitness classes will resume on Monday, January 7th.

Holiday Office Hours

New Year - The office will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd at 9 am. Our regular fall/winter office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 am until 4:30 pm and Friday, 9 am until noon.

Tourtières

We have a limited supply of 9" (\$18) tourtières left for sale. Please contact the office during office hours if you would like to purchase some.

Offertory Envelopes

You will find your weekly and monthly offertory envelopes in alphabetical order in the Narthex. Please pick yours up, but *wait* until January to use them.

The **December Messenger** is available. Be sure to pick up a copy to find out about everything that is coming up. The online edition is on the homepage of our website, in living colour! www.stcb.ca.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

Coldest Night of the Year

February 23, 2019

Save the date and help us to raise money for our Open Doors programs with the Coldest Night of the Year walk. It will be a fun night full of friends, laughter, and delicious food to warm us up!

Bridge

Please join us for a game of Bridge. We will be playing next on Monday, January 14th, at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. All skill levels welcome!

Bible Study - Resumes Jan. 3

Our Thursday morning Bible study resumes on January 3rd. We meet at 10:15 am in the Family Room. Come for coffee and great conversation before the 11 am service. Stay for our Seniors' Lunch which follows at noon!

Tuesday Seniors' Social Group

The Tuesday afternoon Seniors' Group will reconvene on January 8th at 2 pm. All are welcome to join in for social time, refreshments and games.

Scent Sensitivity

Please be considerate of those in our parish who suffer from severe allergies and refrain from using perfumes, aftershave lotion, or other scented toiletries.



Church Calendars

2019 Canadian Anglican Church Calendars are available in the office during regular office hours for \$5.



GIFT

This year in church school, we're exploring the values of Jesus. Every week or two, we'll choose a new value to illustrate through parables and stories of the early Church. Your child is being offered prizes for learning both the fruits of the Spirit and the books of the New Testament. You can help kids to retain what they're learning by asking them which value they're learning each week and encouraging them to practice those values at home.

Email Blast

Please be sure to give your email address to the office if you would like to receive the weekly News Blast. If you do not have an email address, you will find hard copies of the Blast on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

Phone Numbers

It has come to our attention that many of the phone numbers in our parish data base are no longer valid. If you have changed your phone number, perhaps moved to cell phones from home phone, please let the office know and we would be very happy to update our records.

Automatic Doors

We are very fortunate to have automatic door opening buttons at many of our doors. There are very few situations when this feature should be turned off. If your situation should require it, please remember to turn it back on again when you are finished!

Good Reads!

Check out the book trolley in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. If you find a book you'd like to take home, drop a toonie in the coin box on the end of the trolley. Donations of current, popular books are also welcome.

The Bible Challenge

We are nearing the end of the Bible challenge. We will do our last week of the Challenge in the New Year, but it seemed easiest to put the two weeks (for Dec. 24 and Dec. 31) together.

In the Hebrew Bible this week (and next), we will read two prophets who wrote after the exile of the Hebrew people was over. Their prophecies therefore try to answer the question "how should we live now that God has won?" The prophets generally want to caution people to remember God as they start over. Their new lives should be patterned on honouring God and respecting their covenant with God.

Interestingly, we are scheduled to begin the Gospel of Luke again shortly after the New Year. Once again, our readings will sound familiar, as we read portions of Luke on Christmas Eve and the first Sunday after Christmas.

We'll wrap up the week of Jan. 7. Stay tuned!

Here is the reading schedule for this week:

Monday: Zechariah 3-4; Psalm 135; Mark 13
Tuesday: Zechariah 5-6; Psalm 136; Mark 14
Wednesday: Zechariah 7-8; Psalm 137; Mark 15
Thursday: Zechariah 9; Psalm 138; Mark 16
Friday: Zechariah 10; Psalm 139; Luke 1
Saturday: Zechariah 11; Psalm 140; Luke 2
Sunday: See you in church!

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Janet Gadeski	David Lythgoe
Katelyn Reszitynk	Bill Pentilchuk
Dave Smith	Judy Jupp
Mary Ross	Dylan Collins
Kristina Ayliffe	John Cosgrove
Malcolm Harris	George Kamel
Brooke Stratton	

Anniversaries this week

Chris & Jilann Byrnes	(30)
Clint & Lori Williams	(10)

Services this Week

Thursday, January 3rd

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 6th

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am Holy Eucharist

Child Care provided at the 9:30 Service



Please - Take me home with you!

Open Doors Holiday Hours

Seniors' Lunch	Resumes Thursday, January 3
Clothing Store	Resumes Thursday, January 3
Food Bank	Resumes Thursday, January 3
Tuesday Dinner	Resumes Tuesday, January 8
Counselling	Resumes Tuesday, January 8
Kids Club	Resumes Tuesday, January 8
Tweens Club	Resumes Tuesday, January 8
Active Tots	Resumes Wednesday, January 9

Meetings & Activities This Week:

Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank