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Week of December 31st, 2017

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

- Mickey Nowell and Lee (Ragsdale) Nowell.
- Anne Olynyk, Sophie Moody, Noreen & Peter Salari, Vicki & Bill Husak, all lovingly remembered by Susan & Peter Olynyk, Jackie & Geoff Olynyk, and Steve & Judy Olynyk.
- Sylvia Adams Segger, lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her husband Norman, her children Graham, Joyce, Hilary, & Betty, their spouses, children, grandchildren, and friends.

Looking for a New Year's Resolution?

How about "reading the Bible in 2018?" St. Christopher's will be embarking on The Bible Challenge in January. Those of us participating will try to read the entire Bible in one year, with lots of support along the way. Books with devotional material to accompany the readings are also available for \$25. More information about this program is on the bulletin board, or ask Michelle (mboomgaard@stcb.ca). There will be lots of other opportunities to learn and grow in 2018, including Lent Madness, and a discussion series called Transforming Questions (which will take place during Lent and Eastertide). Stay tuned!

Save the Date!

Thursday, January 18th 7:30 pm

Please join us for a service of Induction for our Rector, the Rev. Michelle Boomgaard. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the ministry of St. Christopher's and Michelle's gifts of leadership among us. Watch this space for details as the time draws closer!

At a **Special Vestry meeting on January 21st** we will be electing our Lay Representatives to Synod. The first duty of these delegates will be to represent our parish at the Electoral Synod on Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 when we will elect a new Bishop. If you think you might be interested in serving in this role, a job descriptions is available in the office or, for more information, please talk with Michelle or one of the Wardens.

Open Doors Clothing Store



The colder weather has arrived and we are in need of warm winter coats and jackets particularly for children. Donations can be dropped off at any time during church office hours or during Clothing Store hours, Tues from 4-6 pm, Thurs from 1-2 pm, or Sat morning from 10 am-12 pm.

Thursday Bible Study & Service

Please join us on Thursday mornings for Bible study at 10:15 am in the Family Room. Come for coffee and great conversation before the 11am service. Stay for our Seniors' Lunch which follows at noon.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

2018 Envelopes

Weekly and monthly envelopes for 2018 are available for pick up this morning in the Narthex.

Bridge

Our next afternoon of Bridge will be Monday, January 15th at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. We will meet every other Monday afternoon. Please join us if you would like to play!

Cloth Shopping Bags

Large, reusable bags featuring our logo are \$3.00 each. Contact the church office if you would like one. Perfect for shopping while promoting our church around town!

Tuesday Seniors' Social Group

The Tuesday afternoon Seniors' Group will reconvene on January 9th at 2 pm. All are welcome to join in for social time, refreshments and games.

Pints & Compline

Pints & Compline will gather next on Wednesday, January 31st from 7:30 - 9 pm at The Dickens Pub. Join us for a conversation about Bible, theology, and life followed by a short service of night prayer. Everyone 19+ is welcome.

Food Bank

We would particularly appreciate donations of coffee and hygiene products (deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, kleenex, soap, etc.). If you can assist it will be very much appreciated. Please place your donations in the blue bin beside the doors into the Narthex and if you have any questions, contact Rachel. Your support is very much appreciated!

Church Email Addresses

Our church email addresses have changed and now end with @stcb.ca. The general office email address is staff@stcb.ca. Please update your address books. We will be closing the @stchristophersburlington.com accounts soon.

Parking Lot Safety

Our program year is in full swing and we have many groups of people accessing our building and yards during the week. On any given day there may be activities involving children and seniors. Please drive through our driveways and parking lot slowly and with caution to avoid accidents.

Coldest Night of the Year

Saturday, February 24th 4 pm - 8 pm

The Coldest Night of the Year walk this year will take place on Saturday, February 24th. This is the major fundraiser of the year for our outreach ministry through Open Doors programs. Please consider walking yourself, joining one of our teams, or forming your own team. Begin letting your friends and acquaintances know that you will be looking for sponsors and why the issue of poverty and homelessness is important enough to you to participate in this event.

If you are a **Facebook** user, be sure to "like" us and check in frequently for news. You will find us if you enter "St. Christopher's Anglican Church" in the "search for people, places and things" box.

Nametags are a great way to get to know one another better! Please try to remember to wear yours. If you are new to the parish we will automatically create a nametag for you when we receive a blue form (which you will find on the Welcome Table). If you need a new nametag, please contact the church office and we would be happy to make one for you!

Church Calendars

2018 Anglican Lutheran Church Calendars are now available in the office during regular office hours for \$5.



Photo Contest

Submit your best photo of St. Christopher's in 2017 for consideration in our photo contest. Winners will receive a \$25 Tim Horton's gift card. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Christian Seasons Calendars

We have a supply of calendars which follow the Christian seasons (beginning with Advent 2017) featuring beautiful pictures, Sunday readings, and information about the seasons. If you would like to buy one, or have a look, they are available in the office during office hours for \$15.



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.

Bishop's 2018 Lenten Book

Bishop Michael has chosen "Let Me Go There: The Spirit of Lent" by Paula Gooder as this year's Lenten Book. "Let Me Go There" reflects on some of the key events in the life of God's people that occurred in the wilderness as a way of preparing us to enter more fully into the experiences of Jesus' 40 days and nights in the desert at the beginning of his ministry, and to hear afresh the call to the disciples that ensued. The cost is \$15 per book. To pre-order, contact Jane Wyse by email or call 905-527-1316 x420.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Bill Pentilchuk	Dave Smith
Amanda Wright	Judy Jupp
Mary Ross	Dylan Collins
Kristina Ayliffe	Anne Walton
John Cosgrove	Malcolm Harris
Brooke Stratton	Bill Brown
Jennifer Stephen	

Anniversaries this week

Clint & Lori Williams (9)

Services Next Sunday, January 7th

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!

Meetings & Activities This Week:

Tuesday	1:00pm	CMHA Counselling
	4:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	4:00pm	Kids' Club/Tween Club
	4:30pm	Food Bank
	6:00pm	Community Dinner
Wednesday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
Friday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank