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## Week of February 10th, 2019

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

- Dave Smith, lovingly remembered by his wife Sandi, and daughters Heather, Ashley, and Emma.
- Margaret Ann Jones, lovingly remembered by Bill, Anita & Christopher.

### Christina's Hunger Challenge

Our Open Doors Program Mgr., Christina Mulder, has undertaken a one week Hunger Challenge which began on February 4th. She undertook this challenge to shed light on the growing issue of accessible and affordable food in our community. Christina calculated that a single person working fulltime on minimum wage would be able to spend \$23.68 on food for a week. She has been documenting the struggle of trying to sustain herself on the minimum budget on Facebook and Instagram. Watch for further reflections on her experience as we approach the Coldest Night walk on February 23rd.

### Open Doors - Save the Date!

It is that time of year again, when we are gearing up for our largest annual fundraiser, Coldest Night of the Year! (CNOY) Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000, and with your help we believe it is possible. Tell your neighbours about why Open Doors is important to the community and why it is important to you and ask them to donate to a Walk Team! Christina will be in the Narthex between the services this morning so be sure to see her if you have any questions about how you can participate. There will also be assistance to register online or make a donation if you would like to do so. You can also email [walk@stcb.ca](mailto:walk@stcb.ca).



### Parish Reception for Jon and Laura

Please join us next Sunday, February 17th between 4 and 6 pm as we celebrate the marriage of Rev. Jon Forbes and Laura Swan at a reception at the church. Please see Judy Jupp or Valerie Barnes in the Narthex after the service if you are able to assist with the reception by bringing food and/or set up and clean up.

**At our Vestry meeting in February** we will be electing Wardens, Lay Representatives to Synod and Parish Council Members at Large. If you think you might be interested in serving in any of these roles, job descriptions are available in the office. For more information, please talk to one of the Wardens, a member of Parish Council or the Rector.

### Lent Madness is Coming!

This year, we will be participating in Lent Madness once again, the fun and enlightening practice of learning about various holy people throughout history, picking our favourites, and cheering them on while the world votes for the "Golden Halo" winner. Think of it as a new variety show, "Christianity's Got Talent." We will have the contenders posted in the Narthex next week, to give everyone a chance to pick their favourites (with the person who comes closest to the correct outcome winning a prize) before Lent starts. Want a preview of the contenders, or a reminder of how it all works? Check out [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) for more information.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

### Tuesday Seniors' Social Group

Each Tuesday afternoon from 2-4 pm you will find a group of seniors gathered in the Family Room and Narthex for refreshments, games and camaraderie. All are welcome to join the group. For more information, please call the church office at 905.634.1809.

### Bridge

Please join us for a game of Bridge. We will be playing tomorrow, Monday, February 11th, at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. All skill levels welcome!

### Pre-Vestry Financial Meeting

If you have questions regarding the finances of the parish, please plan to attend the pre-vestry financial meeting on Wednesday, February 20th in the Great Hall at 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity to ask all of your questions of the Treasurer and Corporation in preparation for the Vestry meeting on Sunday, Feb. 24th.

### Winter Warm Up

Join us on Sunday, February 17th for a Winter Warm Up. Soup will be served from 10:45am - noon (beginning following the 9:30 service) courtesy of Open Doors. This is a chance to rally together for the upcoming Coldest Night of the Year event! Donations are welcome. If you are available to serve and help clean up, please let Christina know.

### Baptism Dates

If you, or someone you know is interested in being baptized, the next opportunity to participate will be during the Easter Vigil or on Easter morning. Please speak with Jon or Michelle if you would like to know more.

## Thank You from the Goodwins

Bob and I want to thank everyone for their kindness and support during my recent hospitalization and surgery resulting from my fall. The visits, food, flowers, cards, phone calls and emails have been truly amazing. All the many prayers and all the love is helping me on my road to recovery. You have all been wonderful. Thank you - Beth.

## Vestry Sunday

*February 24th following the 10 am service*

We are currently preparing for our annual Vestry meeting. Thank you to all who have submitted their annual reports. Our service times that morning will be at 8 am and 10 am with the meeting to follow. If you have not submitted your reports yet, would you kindly do so as soon as possible.

## Bishop's 2019 Lenten Book

Bishop Susan has chosen The Book of Forgiving by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu as this year's Lenten Book. Here at St. Christopher's our Lenten liturgy will reflect the themes from the book and we will be undertaking a Wednesday evening book study series as well. We have ordered a limited number of copies at a cost of \$16 per book. If you would like a copy, and/or would like to participate in the study series, please sign up in the Narthex as soon as possible.

## Who is...?

If you don't have a nametag, the office would be happy to make one for you! Sunday mornings can be busy and despite our best intentions to remember names when we're meeting someone new, it's hard work. Nametags really help. We often hear that part of what went into a good first impression at St. Christopher's is that names were remembered. Filling in a "Welcome" information sheet will get you your first nametag but if yours has been damaged or gone missing you can call the office or hit "reply" to the email blast to request a new one.

## Gift for Allison

Our Director of Children and Youth, Rev. Allison Courey, is currently on maternity leave. If you would like to contribute towards a gift which we will present to her on the arrival of her baby, there are envelopes on the Welcome Table and in the chair pockets to do so.

## Thursday Seniors' Lunch

With the support of a dedicated team of volunteers we will be offering a Seniors' Lunch on the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning on February 14th. We are very grateful for the volunteer leadership and support which has allowed us to continue this ministry. The Thursday Eucharist with Prayers for Healing will continue to be offered every Thursday as will our other Open Doors Thursday programming.

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 box.

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### Birthdays this week

Debra Denike	Wendy Milroy
Christopher Turney	Jean Glass
Alondra McCormack	Diane Roberts
Sarah Armstrong	Rosemary Ryan
Lana Wilk	Ken Clarke
Rhonda Eisler	Cayley McCormack
Chris Eden	Kristina Fielding
Joelle Leclerc	Jennie Davies
Spencer Thomason	

### Anniversaries this week

Carrie Liang & Jackie Zhang (13)

### Services this Week

#### Thursday, February 14th

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

#### Sunday, February 17th

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:

Monday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	2:00pm	Bridge Group
	5:15pm	Youth Choir
	7:00pm	Band Practice
Tuesday	9:00am	Men's Cooking #1
	1:00pm	CMHA Counselling
	2:00pm	Seniors' Afternoon Social
	4:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	4:00pm	Kids' Club/Tween Club
	4:30pm	Food Bank
	6:00pm	Community Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
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
	6:00pm	Guitar Group
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Food Bank
	10:00am	Free Clothing Store