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Week of February 25th, 2018

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

- Earle Beadle, father of George Beadle.
- Frederick & Wilhelmina Jewer, parents of Hilda Beadle. Remembered with love.
- Gordon Brownhill, beloved husband of Dorothy and dear father of Ken, Susan, and Diane.
- Marjorie & Sydney Marshall, and Sharon Leigh Marshall, lovingly remembered by the family.

Vestry Meeting

This morning our services will be at 8 and 10 am. We will hold our annual congregational (vestry) meeting following the 10 am service. All baptized members of the parish 16 and older, who have participated with this congregation through worship, fellowship and financial support for at least six months (and have not voted as a member of any other Vestry within the said six months), are eligible to vote.

Vestry Reports

Hard copies of our Vestry Reports (Ministry and Financial) are available this morning in the Great Hall. You can also read the Ministry Report online. You will find it on the Home Page of our website, www.stcb.ca.

The Man Born to Be King

Please save Wednesday evenings during Lent to participate in our Lenten study activity based on the radio plays of Dorothy L. Sayers in the book "The Man Born to Be King". We will gather in the church to read the plays (aloud) together at 7:30 pm. Capable readers of all ages should find this creative, informative, and engaging!

The Bible Challenge

Our usual reading routine (three chapters of Hebrew Bible, a psalm, and a chapter from the New Testament) will be slightly disrupted at the end of this week. You may want to pay careful attention to the schedule, or things may go out of sync!

Read the insert in this morning's bulletins for more insight as you begin these readings.

Here is the reading schedule for the coming week:

Monday: Leviticus 16-18; Psalm 36; Mark 9
Tuesday: Leviticus 19-21; Psalm 37; Mark 10
Wednesday: Leviticus 22-24; Psalm 38; Mark 11
Thursday: Leviticus 25-27; Psalm 39; Mark 12
Friday: Re-read a favorite passage from the first three books of the Hebrew Bible; Psalm 39; Mark 13
Saturday: Numbers 1-3; Psalm 40; Mark 14
Sunday: See you in church!

Bridge

We will be gathering to play Bridge tomorrow, Mon, February 26th at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. We meet every other Monday afternoon. Please join us if you would like to play!

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

2017 Tax Receipts are available this morning. Be sure to pick yours up this morning. They will be mailed tomorrow.

Jazz Vespers

Join us for Jazz Vespers next on Sunday, April 15th at 4 pm when we will welcome Jim Sandilands (bass) and other musical guests.

GIFT

Allison will be away for the Sundays of March 4, 11, and 18. Church school will continue as usual during the 9:30 service. Toys and stories will be available during the 11:30 service. A big thanks to the volunteers who are making this happen!

Lenten Family Activities

There are many ways to observe Lent with young families. Story books are available on the welcome table for you to take home, as well as a Lenten prayer chain craft to teach your kids to pray as a Lenten discipline. If you're interested in taking something on as a family, check out 40acts.org/uk for a "generosity challenge" you can do together each day until Easter.

Lenten Eco Discipline

Visit the Greening Sacred Spaces bulletin board on the west wall of the Narthex. Take a 'Give it up for the Earth' card, which has a number of suggestions of actions we can take to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. This is an opportunity to care for creation and make a difference! You may put the completed form in the envelope on the bulletin board, or mail the tear-off card to Citizens for Public Justice (postage paid), and the cards will be presented to the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change. Questions? Ask Jane Stephen

Lent Madness

Lent Madness has begun! We have about a dozen people competing in the bracket competition but you don't have to have submitted a bracket to play along. Go to lentmadness.org and read the profiles of this week's match-up and cast your vote online. Be sure to check the poster in the Narthex to see how the results are shaping up.

Teens and young adults!

Cahoots is a retreat weekend sponsored by the Student Christian Movement with an emphasis on faith intersecting with justice and creativity. St. Christopher's is pulling together a group of people ages 16-30 to carpool to the event at Cedar Ridge Camp near Bancroft. The full ticket price is \$150, but this will be subsidized by the church. Join us for a fun weekend of music, peace-building, and time outdoors! Further details are available at scmcanada.org/cahoots, or speak to Allison about getting a registration form.

Ginger Group

Our next meeting for retired gentlemen of the parish and guests will take place on March 5th in the Great Hall. Activities will commence at 11.45 am. Come and join us for lunch, refreshments, and fellowship. Contacts: Winston Campbell or, George Beadle.

Open Doors

We have openings for volunteers in several different roles at the moment in our Open Doors programs. If you could spare two hours from 11am-1pm on a Wednesday or Friday to help clean and stock the Food Bank, assist with our Children's programs on Tuesday evening or assist with reception of CMHA counselling clients on Tuesday afternoon or evening, please speak with Rachel or Christina or call the office.

Today's Gospel Reading (Mark 8:31-38) has created controversy in the Church for centuries. Interested in hearing more about it? Check out this podcast by Rob Bell: <https://robbell.podbean.com/e/episode-143-the-thing-in-the-air-part-5-the-lie-of-redemptive-violence/>. Another interesting take on the passage is a blog called "This is Good News?" You can find the blog at <http://www.stewardshipoflife.org/2015/02/this-is-good-news/>.

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!

Update on our Refugee Family

You may remember that two years ago, we sponsored the Masri family from Syria. While our official obligation to them is over, the ties of friendship and community remain. If you would like to know how they are doing, deepen the ties of friendship, or help them as they continue to make the adjustment to life in Canada, please check the bulletin board near the family room. There are lots of little ways that we can connect with them, and offer our aid as they make their home here.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

David Evans	Emily Fisher
Max Frank	Jack McKean
Melissa van Zeyl	Julie Kehoe
Brian Keyes	Peter Olynyk
Donna Mawhinney	Erick Nettel
Megan Burton	Phil Jones
Rachel Rector	Diana Bishop
Raeanne Dingwall	Dylan Ford-Jones
Andy Frame	Norma MacRae
Bill Tannyan	

Anniversaries this week

Chris Demopolis & Nancy Botting (21)

Services this Week

Thursday, March 1st

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, March 4th

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:

Today	11:00am	Annual Vestry Meeting
Monday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	2:00pm	Bridge Group
Tuesday	9:00am	Men's Cooking #2
	1:00pm	CMHA Counselling
	2:00pm	Seniors' Social Group
	4:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	4:00pm	Kids' Club/Tween Club
	4:30pm	Food Bank
	5:30pm	Community Dinner
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
Wednesday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
	7:30pm	The Man Born to Be King
Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:30pm	Guitar Group
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
	Friday	9:30am
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank