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Week of February 3rd, 2019

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

- David Firth, lovingly remembered by his mother Miriam and his sister Ann.

Ginger Group

Retired, semi retired gentlemen and guests of the parish will meet tomorrow, February 4th at 11:45 am in the Great Hall for lunch, refreshments and a presentation from Bill Liabotis and friend about creating a sustainable-energy future (update). All are welcome. Please contact Winston Campbell or George Beadle if you have any questions.

Open Doors Hunger Challenge

Our Open Doors Program Mgr., Christina Mulder, is embracing a Hunger Challenge beginning on February 4th, and she is encouraging you to join her! Coldest Night of the Year is approaching to raise funds as well as awareness for the homeless, hungry and hurting in our community. This challenge is to shed light on the growing issue of accessible and affordable food in our community. Christina has calculated what a single person working fulltime on minimum wage, would be able to spend on food for a week. She will be documenting the struggle of trying to sustain herself on the minimum budget, and challenges you to do so with her. Follow her on Facebook and Instagram @opendoorsburl. How well can you eat on \$23.68 a week?

Parish Reception for Jon and Laura

Please join us on 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.

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! If you haven't already signed up to walk, you can do so at ww.cnoy.org. If you want to help find business Sponsors, there are posters and sponsorship packages in the Narthex. If you are keen to volunteer, please email walk@stcb.ca. Let's raise some major awareness and funds for the ministry we undertake here at St. Christopher's!!



The **January 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.

Bridge

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

Bible Study

Our Thursday morning Bible study meets at 10:15 am in the Family Room. Come for coffee and great conversation before the 11am service.

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.

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.

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



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.

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

Kids at 11:30

The Children's Program will continue at the 11:30 service, much as it has for the last two months. Children will follow a leader out after the Opening Prayer, and enjoy a story from Scripture and some opportunity to learn and reflect on its meaning (possibly including a craft). They will rejoin their parents in time for the prayers.

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

Bonnie Hopkins	Andre Leclerc
Susan Olynyk	Gail Osborne
Claire Turney	Lois MacRae
Deborah Blakely	Allison Courey
Diane Kemp	Maryann Lennox
David Johnson	

Anniversaries this week

Gord & June Archbell (64)

Services this Week

Thursday, February 7th

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, February 10th

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
	11:45am	Ginger Group
	5:15pm	Youth Choir
	7:00pm	Band Practice
Tuesday	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
	12:45pm	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