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Week of February 4th, 2018

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.

2017 Financial Statements are available for pick-up in the Narthex this morning. Please check your statement carefully and report any errors or omissions to the office as soon as possible. Tax Receipts will be based on this information and issued in February.

Holy Week Planning Meeting

There will be a meeting in the Family Room on Wednesday, February 7th at 7:30 pm for all those interested in helping to plan our Holy Week worship. Please join us and if you have any questions, please speak with Michelle, mboomgaard@stcb.ca

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. Let 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. Visit: cnoy.org/location/burlington

Episcopal Election

On Saturday, March 3rd we will elect a new Bishop of Niagara. There will be a meeting of our Lay Delegates to Synod (who will vote on our behalf) and any interested members of the parish to talk about the issues that are important to St. Christopher's and the kinds of gifts we might hope our new Bishop would have. Please join us at 4 pm in the Family Room on Wednesday, February 7th.

The Bible Challenge

If you had ordered a book, they are in the office ready to be picked up.

Here is the Bible Challenge schedule for next week:

Monday: Exodus 4-6; Psalm 18: 21-50; Matthew 19

Tuesday: Exodus 7-9; Psalm 19; Matthew 20

Wednesday: Exodus 10-12; Psalm 20; Matthew 21

Thursday: Exodus 13-15; Psalm 21; Matthew 22

Friday: Exodus 16-18; Psalm 22; Matthew 23

Saturday: Exodus 19-21; Psalm 23; Psalm 24

Sunday - See you in church!

Bridge

We will be gathering to play Bridge next on Monday, February 12th 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.

Jazz Vespers

Join us for Jazz Vespers next Sunday, February 11th at 4 pm when we will welcome Jim Sandilands (bass) and other musical guests.

Annual Vestry & Reports

Our annual vestry meeting will be held on Sunday, February 25th. If you have not already done so, would you kindly submit your reports to the office asap.

Thursday Bible Study & Service

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

Winter Warm Up

Join us on Sunday, February 18th for a Winter Warm Up. Soup will be served from 10:45am - 1pm (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.

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.

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 beginning Feb. 21st. Capable readers of all ages should find this creative, informative, and engaging!

Lent Madness

Ever wanted to know more about the Saints? Read more on the insert in your bulletin this morning. Put your name on your completed bracket and place it in the envelope with the poster in the Narthex. There are books with bios of the saints available to assist you in making your picks. (If you have taken one of these, could you please return it to the Narthex?).

Mardi Gras Christian Education Day

On February 13th (Shrove Tuesday) we will be holding a Lent Christian education day for kids in grades 2-8. The program will run from 1 pm - 6 pm and will feature a family pancake supper at 5:30 pm. Themes include generosity, prayer, and self-sacrifice. We will be burning last year's palms for ashes and there will be other interactive learning opportunities as well. For more information contact Allison.

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.

Lenten Eco Discipline

If you would like to embrace a climate justice discipline for Lent, there are some suggestions that you might consider available on the bulletin board on the west wall of the Narthex. Please help yourself and call the office or talk to Jane Stephen if you would like more information.

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.



Ginger Group

Monday, February 5th will be the first meeting of 2018 for retired gentlemen and guests of the parish. Activities commence 11:45 am in the Great Hall. Thanks to Michael Peroune for lining up a presentation by Messrs. Walton-Ball and Rick Poulin from BMO Asset Management. As usual, lunch and refreshments will precede the presentation. Contact Winston Campbell or George Beadle for more information.

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 lennoxmaryann3@gmail.com



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!

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Bonnie Hopkins	Kevin Kapusty
Andre Leclerc	Susan Olynyk
Gail Osborne	Claire Turney
Lois MacRae	Ivan Miletic
Deborah Blakely	Allison Courey
Diane Kemp	Maryann Lennox
David Johnson	Debra Denike
Derek LaHay	Wendy Milroy
Christopher Turney	

Anniversaries this week

Gord & June Archbell (63)

Services Next Sunday, February 11th

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:30 am	Holy Eucharist
11:30 am	Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm	Jazz Vespers

Child Care provided at the 9:30 Service

Please - Take me home with you!

At our Vestry meeting on February 25th we will be electing Parish Council Members at Large. If you think you might be interested in serving in this role, please talk to one of the Wardens, a member of Parish Council or the Rector.

Meetings & Activities This Week:

Monday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	11:45am	Ginger Group
	4:30pm	SHINE
Tuesday	1:00pm	CMHA Counselling
	2:00pm	Seniors' Social Group
	4:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	4:00pm	Kids' Club/Tween Club
	4:30pm	Food Bank
	6:00pm	Community Dinner
Wednesday	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
	4:00pm	Episcopal Election Discussion
Thursday	7:30pm	Holy Week Planning Meeting
	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:30pm	Guitar Group
Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank