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## Week of January 28th, 2018

### Stone Soup

Check out St. Christopher's Stone Soup! You will find the cauldron that we filled with gifts at our Celebration of Ministry in the Narthex. All of the ideas are represented and it is impressive! Thank you Allison for creating this visual display.

**2017 Financial Statements** are available for pick-up in the Narthex this morning. They will be mailed on Monday. 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](mailto:mboomgaard@stcb.ca)

### The Bible Challenge

This week, we will conclude the first book of the Bible - the book of Genesis. We're really moving along! On Saturday, we will begin Exodus, which really describes the foundational moments of the people of God. Unlike Genesis, Exodus follows a single group of people, the Israelites, telling the story of how a group of somewhat related but otherwise disparate people came to understand themselves as a single nation. In some ways, it seems a lot like those movies about sports teams: a ragtag group of undisciplined people, rejected by the rest of society, come together under a dynamic leader who gives them a set of rules, and a dream. Though they suffer hardships and setbacks, they also find themselves blessed in unexpected ways, and eventually they find a common purpose and think of themselves as a single unit, working toward a common purpose, be it an unlikely sports championship or a long-lost homeland. The stories of Exodus reappear throughout the Bible, in the Psalms, for example, but also in the Gospels and Paul's epistles. This book really defines how many Jews think of themselves throughout the ages, up to today. Our children have just finished learning about Moses and Exodus in our Sunday GIFT program, so you might want to share what you're reading with them, too!

Here is next week's schedule:

Monday: Genesis 37-39; Psalm 13; Matthew 13

Tuesday: Genesis 40-42; Psalm 14; Matthew 14

Wednesday: Genesis 43-45; Psalm 15; Matthew 15

Thursday: Genesis 46-48; Psalm 16; Matthew 16

Friday: Genesis 49-50; Psalm 17; Matthew 17

Saturday: Exodus 1-3; Psalm 18: 1-20; Matthew 18

Sunday: See you in church!

### Bridge

We will be gathering to play Bridge tomorrow, Mon. January 29th 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 on 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 11am service. Stay for our Seniors' Lunch which follows at noon.

### 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](http://cnoy.org/location/burlington)

### 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". Watch this space for more details as the time nears but we will be reading the plays (aloud) together. It should be creative, informative, and engaging!

### Lent Madness

Ever wanted to know more about the Saints? You will have a chance to do just that this coming Lent. The Lent Madness poster is up in the Narthex. Watch this space to learn more about how you can play...and win!

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

Bob Cross	Mary Ellen Hewitson
Dylan Mohr-White	Lyn Robinson
Debbie Brooks	Joan Butcher
Matthew Cain	David Griffiths
John Hood	Daniel Watson
Kathy Watson	Matthew Collard
Michele Honan	

### Anniversaries this week

Tim & Debra Denike (38)

### Services Next Sunday, February 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!**

**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
	2:00pm	Bridge 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
Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:30pm	Guitar Group
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank
	4:00pm	Respite