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Week of January 7th, 2018

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

- Murray Baldwin, lovingly remembered by his wife Elizabeth, and his children Sarah & Les and their families.
- Jack & Elsie Goodwin, & Hilda Richardson, parents & sister of Bob & Beth Goodwin, grandparents and aunt of Bob, David and Alison.
- Ronald and Patricia Shoots, lovingly remembered by their daughters Wendy Leger & Cathy Shoots.
- James & Margaret Hutcheon, parents of Norma MacRae.

This morning we welcome

Nathaniel Adam Edward Mastro

Ava Jude Mastro

into the community of God's people.



The **January Messenger** is available this morning. 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.

The Bible Challenge

This week some of us will be embarking on The Bible Challenge. Those of us participating will try to read the entire Bible in one year, with lots of support along the way. If you are interested, please join us for a kick-off meeting this Wednesday, January 10th at 7:30 pm. More information about this program is on the bulletin board and in this month's Messenger, or ask Michelle (mboomgaard@stcb.ca). Books with devotional material to accompany the readings are also available for \$25.

Special Vestry meeting - January 21

Between the 9:30 and 11:30 am services

Our task will be to elect our Lay Representatives to Synod whose first duty will be to represent our parish at the Electoral Synod on Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 when we will elect a new Bishop. For more information, please speak with Michelle or one of the Wardens.

Food Bank

We would particularly appreciate donations of coffee and hygiene products (deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, kleenex, soap, etc.). Please place your donations in the blue bin beside the doors into the Narthex and if you have any questions, contact Rachel. Your support is very much appreciated!

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.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

2018 Envelopes

Weekly and monthly envelopes for 2018 are available for pick up this morning in the Narthex.

Bridge

Our next afternoon of Bridge will be Monday, January 15th at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. We will meet every other Monday afternoon. Please join us if you would like to play!

Jazz Vespers

Join us for Jazz Vespers next on Sunday, January 14th at 4 pm when we will welcome Jim Sandilands (bass) and other musical guests.

Tuesday Seniors' Social Group

The Tuesday afternoon Seniors' Group will reconvene on January 9th at 2 pm. All are welcome to join in for social time, refreshments and games.

Pints & Compline

Pints & Compline will gather next on Wednesday, January 31st from 7:30 - 9 pm at The Dickens Pub. Join us for a conversation about Bible, theology, and life followed by a short service of night prayer. Everyone 19+ is welcome.

Annual Vestry Meeting & Reports

Our annual vestry meeting will be held on Sunday, February 25th. In order to help us to prepare, would you kindly submit your reports to the office by Friday, January 26th.

Celebration of Ministry

Thursday, January 18th 7:00 pm

Please join us for a Celebration of Ministry with our Rector, the Rev. Michelle Boomgaard. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the ministry of St. Christopher's and Michelle's gifts of leadership among us.

Thank You!

Allison and our young people would like to extend their thanks to all who helped reach the Advent fundraising goal of \$2,000 to build a well in a community without access to clean water through PWRDF. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you!

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. Begin letting 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.

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 for people, places and things" box.

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!

Church Calendars

2018 Anglican Lutheran Church Calendars are now available in the office during regular office hours for \$5.



Photo Contest

Submit your best photo of St. Christopher's in 2017 for consideration in our photo contest. Winners will receive a \$25 Tim Horton's gift card. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board or read details in the Messenger.

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.



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.

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. The cost is \$15 per book. To pre-order, contact Jane Wyse by email or call 905-527-1316 x420.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Julia Catton	Helen Hiscock
Haley Mawhinney	Laura Taylor
Katie Wilson	Donel George
Beth Goodwin	Quinlan Harper
Jackie Zhang	William Hallman
Adam Sims	Trudy Johnson
Gerry Anthony	Connie DeForest

Anniversaries this week

Sam & Violet Milligan (50)

Services Next Sunday, January 14th

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!

Meetings & Activities This Week:

Monday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	7:00pm	Band Practice
Tuesday	9:00am	Men's Cooking #1
	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
	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
Wednesday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
	7:30pm	Bible Challenge Kick-Off
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	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank
	4:00pm	Respite