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Week of November 18th, 2018

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

- Stan Chadwick, lovingly remembered by his wife Jean, his children Jane, Kevin, & Carole, & his grandchildren
- Samantha Krystle Clarke, lovingly remembered by her father Kenneth, and sister Lindsay.
- Allan Lennox, husband of Maryann, remembered with love by his family.
- Ed Schroeder, lovingly remembered by his wife Mary, his children George, Lana, Andrea, Stephanie, and his grandchildren.
- Shiomi and Shiga family loved ones.
- Donald Swackhammer - Remembering and missing a beloved husband, father, and special Poppa - wife Jane, daughters Stephanie (Everett) and Sarah (Jason) and grandchildren.
- Margie Swire, remembered by her many friends at St. Christopher's

Christmas Market - Thanks!

On behalf of Sherri, Simone, and myself, I would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to everyone involved with the Christmas Market. So many skilled hands from decorating, to crafts, to food items, and physically setting up the building to become an effective and welcoming marketplace. Thank you all for your generous gifts of time, talent and treasure. With much gratitude, Trudy.

Fresh Food Box - Volunteers

We will be packing again this week on Tuesday the 20th of November. We would really appreciate volunteers beginning at 8:30 am. Please just come or contact the office, 905.634.1809, for more information.

Church Calendars

2019 Canadian Anglican Church Calendars are now available in the office during regular office hours for \$5.



Christmas Families - December 8

There are only 3 more weeks until our annual Christmas Families Program!!! Please bring your donations from the Giving Tree (hanging in the Narthex) during business hours to the church office. We kindly ask you deliver them, unwrapped, before December 5th. We would also be most grateful for the donation of any new toys, new clothing, new board games, new books, new mittens, new hats, new gifts for seniors and gift cards. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Christina at (905) 634-1809 or opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca.



The **November Messenger** is available this morning. Be sure to pick up a copy to find out about everything that is coming up. You will also find it on the home page of our website.

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, November 26th, 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. Stay for our Seniors' Lunch which follows at noon!

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.

Regular Office Hours

Our Fall regular office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 am until 4:30 pm and Friday, 9 am until noon.

Advent Quiet Day

Before the rush and stress of the secular Christmas shopping season, take a moment to Prepare the Way of the Lord. Join us for a pre-Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 1, from 10 am until 2 pm. This Ignatian-style mini-retreat will offer times of reflection, and opportunities for your own journaling, reading or other quiet activities. We will conclude with a Eucharist.

Reservations would be helpful to prepare for lunch, but are not required. Free will offerings will be accepted to help cover the cost of food. Questions? Contact Rev. Michelle (mboomgaard@stcb.ca)

PWRDF is responding to two ongoing disasters: the earthquake in Indonesia and the typhoon in the Philippines. Please consider making a donation to PWRDF to support the people of Indonesia and the Philippines. You will find donation envelopes and further information on the PWRDF table in the Narthex. Please mark your cheque "Emergency Appeal Indonesia/Philippines".

Cloth Shopping Bags

Large, reusable bags featuring our logo are \$3.00 each. Contact the church office if you would like one. Perfect for shopping while promoting our church around town!

Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their pledge for 2019. It is a great help to us as we plan for next year. If you have not already done so, please return your pledge cards by November 25th when we will bless them and the ministries they will sponsor during the services that morning.

May Contain Nuts

We strive to create a safe and healthy environment for everyone, however we are not a peanut/tree nut free environment and cannot guarantee that any food served at St. Christopher's is peanut/tree nut free.

Food Bank Volunteers

The Food Bank is a vital part of our Open Doors outreach programming in at St. Christopher's. Hundreds of families every month come to seek support through the Food Bank and the need only increases in the colder months. Due to a recent change in scheduling, one of our main suppliers to the Food Bank has requested we begin to pick up our food order. We are looking for volunteers on Wednesday or Thursday to pick up and deliver as well as a small team to stock the shelves when it arrives. Please call Christina at (905)634-1809 or opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca if you think you might be able to help in this capacity.

The Bible Challenge

This week, we move through two more of the Lesser Prophets. Amos, whom we will read beginning at the end of the week, is from the Northern Kingdom of Israel, like Hosea. However, Amos is more concerned with Israel's injustice to the marginalized, and the bad behaviour of the priests; not the idolatry which concerned Hosea.

In between the two northern prophets is Joel, a short prophecy of judgement from well after the period of exile. Once again, we have prophecies of doom for those who have behaved badly, but also a promise of plenty for God's chosen people.

This week's reading schedule:

Monday: Hosea 11-12; Psalm 103; Matthew 5
Tuesday: Hosea 13-14; Psalm 104; Matthew 6
Wednesday: Joel 1-2; Psalm 105; Matthew 7
Thursday: Joel 3; Psalm 106; Matthew 8
Friday: Amos 1; Psalm 107; Matthew 9
Saturday: Amos 2; Psalm 108; Matthew 10
Sunday – see you in church!

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Anthony Ford-Jones	Nella Ford-Jones
Joanne Gallgher	Candice Hughes
Darren Sousa	Jillian Stewart
Audrey Bowie	George Fletcher
Tom Loker	Don Landers
Jeffrey McGurk	Lorie Warren
Chantal Corner	Katie Dyson
Paul Sousa	Ken Wilson
Naiomi Lekhram	Tess Wiebe
Andrew Burton	Erin Demopolis
Felicia Lekhram	Brett Van Loon
Sara Williams	

Anniversaries this week

Marion Gangasingh & Richard Hammann(15)
Dave & Joan Page (62)

Services This Week

Thursday 11:00am Holy Eucharist

Services Next Sunday, November 25th

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
	5:15pm	Youth Choir
Tuesday	8:00am	Halton Fresh Food Box Packing
	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
	1:00pm	Book Club
Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	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