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## Week of November 19th, 2017

### 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.
- Shiomi and Shiga family loved ones.
- Don Swackhammer - Wife Jane, daughters Stephanie and Sarah and their families remember their husband, father, father-in-law and Poppa with love.
- Margie Swire, remembered by her many friends at St. Christopher's.

### Mark your calendars!

*"Prepare the way of the Lord"*

A two-part Advent conversation about St. Christopher's past, present, and future on Wednesdays, December 6th & 13th at 7:30 pm. Join us for one or both evenings as we look at where God was present in the life of St. Christopher's, and where God might be calling us now. Our evening will be part Bible study, part fun activity, part intentional conversation. It doesn't matter whether you're six or 106, and whether you've been part of St. Christopher's for 60 years or 6 days. You're invited - come prepare the way of the Lord!

### Fresh Food Box - Volunteers

We will be packing again this week on Tuesday the 21st of November. We would really appreciate volunteers beginning at 8:30 am for the morning packing. Please just come or contact the office, 905.634.1809, for more information.



### Children's Advent Fundraiser

St. Christopher's kids have chosen their Advent fundraiser: to help build a well in a community without access to clean water. This costs \$2,000 with PWRDF this year because the government will add the remaining \$12,000. Kids will be selling Christmas treats and soliciting donations. However you are able to support them as they learn the gift of generosity is appreciated!

### Pints & Compline

Pints & Compline will gather next on Wednesday, November 29th 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.

### Church Email Addresses

Our church email addresses have changed and now end with @stcb.ca. The general office email address is staff@stcb.ca. Please update your address books. We will be closing the @stchristophersburlington.com accounts soon.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

### Upcoming Jazz Vespers

We will celebrate Jazz Vespers next on Sunday, December 17th at 4 pm. Please join us!

### Allergy/Safety Alert

To maintain a safe environment throughout our Parish Centre, please be sure to clean up/remove any and all food (including off the floors) after your gathering.

### Bridge

Please note that there will not be any further evenings of Bridge in November. We will resume playing on December 1st at 7:30 pm (every other Friday in the Preschool Room at the church).

### A Warm Welcome

There are a couple of ways that you can help us to extend hospitality to everyone who enters our worship space on Sunday mornings. One is to place your belongings on the floor rather than on the chairs so that it is easy for people to find a space to sit. Newcomers in particular are reluctant to ask you to make room for them. You can also regularly wear your nametag. 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 blue member 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.

### Open Doors Clothing Store



The colder weather has arrived and we are in need of warm winter coats and jackets particularly for children. Donations can be dropped off at any time during church office hours or during Clothing Store hours, Tues from 4-6 pm, Thurs from 1-2 pm, or Sat morning from 10 am-12 pm.

The **November 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.

## Coldest Night - February 24th

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.

## PWRDF Christmas Gifts

Give a goat! The 2017 PWRDF World of Gifts brochure is available on our PWRDF table in the Narthex. Global Affairs Canada is providing \$6 for every \$1 that you spend on selected gifts this year, so please consider these items for friends and family at Christmas. Christmas cards are also available. There are two different designs. Check the posters in the Narthex. Cards are \$20 for a pack of 12 cards and your donation helps forward the work of PWRDF in the world. See Valerie Barnes for more details.

**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



## Gift Wrap

Did you know that St. Christopher's Cloth Shopping Bags make great gift bags? They are larger than most bags which make them ideal for oddly shaped gifts that are hard to wrap. At \$3.00 they are a great value! Available in the office.

## 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.

## Parking Lot Safety

Our program year is in full swing and we have many groups of people accessing our building and yards during the week. On any given day there may be activities involving children and seniors. Please drive through our driveways and parking lot slowly and with caution to avoid accidents.

## 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

Jamie Bothwell	Audrey Bowie
George Fletcher	Tom Loker
Jonathan Matthews	Don Landers
Jeffrey McGurk	Marianne Scott
Lorie Warren	Chantal Corner
Katie Dyson	Paul Sousa
Ken Wilson	Naiomi Lekhram
Tess Wiebe	Eileen Finch
Andrew Burton	Erin Demopolis
Felicia Lekhram	Brett Van Loon
Sara Williams	

### Anniversaries this week

Dan & Michelle Venables	(34)
Dave & Joan Page	(61)

### Services This Week

Thursday 11:00 am Holy Eucharist

### Services Next Sunday, November 26th

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am Holy Eucharist

Child Care provided at the 9:30 am Service

## December Events

Prepare the Way of the Lord	Dec 6 & 13: 7:30 pm
Carol Service and Tree Lighting	Dec 10: 4 pm
Seniors' Christmas Worship & Luncheon	Dec 14: 11 am
Children's Pageant	Dec 17: 9:30 am
Jazz Vespers	Dec 17: 4 pm
Quiet Christmas	Dec 20: 7:30 pm
Advent 4	Dec 24: 10 am
Christmas Eve	Dec 24: 4, 6, 8, & 10 pm
Christmas Day	Dec 25: 10 am

### Meetings & Activities This Week:

Monday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	4:30pm	SHINE
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
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
Friday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank