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Week of November 26th, 2017

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

- William & Edith Nichol, remembered with love by their daughter Lois MacRae.



Welcome Will Postma, Executive Director PWRDF

This morning we welcome Will Postma who is the Executive Director of the Primate's Fund World Relief and Development Fund, as our guest. Will will be preaching at all three service this morning.

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!

Church Calendars

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



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.

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

Our next evening of Bridge will be this Friday, December 1st at 7:30 pm in the Preschool Room at the church). We meet every other Friday evening. Please join us if you would like to play!

Getting Ready for Christmas

Once again, we will be assisting families with Christmas through Open Doors. The Christmas Trees will be hanging on the windows in the Narthex. Please choose a gift you would like to give and then return it to the church unwrapped by Dec. 14th. 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. We are also in need of "Elves" to organize our gift "store" and assist our guests in selecting their items on Dec. 15th and 16th. This will be a great opportunity to meet new folks. If you can help, or have questions, please contact Rachel Courey by phone at 905.634.1809 or via email at opendoors@stcb.ca.



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!

Breakfast with Santa

On Dec. 2nd, from 9 am until 12 noon, we are having our third annual Breakfast with Santa event, a fundraiser for Open Doors. The cost is \$20 per family and donations of new toys are most welcome. We are in need of volunteers for this event so if you are willing to flip pancakes, work the door, replenish the buffet or clean up, please let Rachel or Christina know.

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.

Thank You JC's Bagels

A special thanks to JC's Bagels in Roseland Plaza for their healthy donation of bagels for the "Get up ' n' Go Combo. Voted the best bagels in Burlington, they are often visited by St C's folks during the week or after church. When you visit be sure and thank'em.

Toy Drive for Open Doors

Expedia Cruise Ship Centres

Thanks to Expedia Cruise Ship Centres for holding their Third Annual Toy Drive for Open Doors which will run from November 25th until December 13th. Donations can be made during store hours, Monday to Friday 10 am - 6 pm, Saturday 10 am - 5 pm at 2025 Guelph Line (beside Fortinos). For more information please contact: mboyle@cruiseshipcenters.com or 905.331.7331.

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.

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

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Diane Armitage	Brendan Byrnes
Ali Ernst	Lauren Honan
Audrey Pasmore	Karen Vintinner
Evelyn Watson	Dan Cranley
Susan Kuntz	Matt Robitaille
Scott Vassell-Pittman	Jeanie Darby
Savannah Low	Samantha Ponting
Will Potts	Sherry Mototsune
Timothy Snider	Rachael Stewart
Joanne Vassell-Pittman	Grace Astles
Hope Magnus	Geoff Stephen
Cathy Ogilvie	Jean Podetz

Anniversaries this week

Bob & Catherine Ramsey	(38)
Anthony & Lee Ford-Jones	(38)

Services This Week

Thursday 11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Services Next Sunday, December 3rd

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am Holy Eucharist

Child Care provided at the 9:30 am Service

Please - Take me home with you!

Meetings & Activities This Week:

Monday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	4:30pm	SHINE
	7:00pm	Band Practice
Tuesday	9:00am	Men's Cooking #2
	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
	7:30pm	Parish Council
Wednesday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Active Tots
Thursday	10:15am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
Thursday	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
Friday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Saturday	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	10:00am	Food Bank