

This Week in the Life and Work of our Church

KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH

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The Congregation of Kincardine United Church seeks to foster a journey of spiritual growth through hospitality, service, fellowship and study, and, in community, to build up the ministry of every person and together experience God's abundant love and grace.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Choir – Thursdays from 2-3 p.m. in the Sanctuary
K.U.C.I.E. – Tuesday 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary

EVENT/MEETING	DATE & TIME	LOCATION*
Loaves and Fishes dinner	Dec. 11 th , doors open 5:30	F. Hall
UCW North	Dec. 12 th , 12-3 p.m.	Joyce Neyvatte's
<i>Roll call Christmas verse & gift exchange</i>		
UCW Sunshine Christmas lunch	Dec. 13 th , 1-3 p.m.	F. Hall
Christmas Tree of Remembrance Service	Dec. 13 th , 7 p.m.	Sanctuary
Questers	Dec. 14 th , 6-8 p.m.	Kitchen
Dory Christmas party	Dec. 15 th , 10 am – 2 pm	F. Hall
Congregational Meeting	Dec. 17 th , after worship	F. Hall
Kincardine Brass Band Christmas Concert	Dec. 17 th , 3 p.m.	Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol service	Dec. 24 th , 7 p.m.	Sanctuary

(*F. Hall = Fellowship Hall, Res. Room = Resource room)

congregational meeting



There will be a congregational meeting immediately after worship on **Sunday, December 17th, 2017** for the purpose of considering and approving a budget for Kincardine United

Church for 2018. Copies of the budget were available electronically by Friday, December 8th and in print today.



**THE DEADLINE
FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
is now Tuesday at 4 p.m.**

BLESSING OF POINSETTIAS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CARDS

On Sunday December 17th, the second Sunday of Advent, we will bless the poinsettias and Sunday school cards. Large poinsettias are purchased to decorate the front of the sanctuary. Church members and adherents who are unable to regularly participate in the ministry and the mission of the congregation receive small poinsettias, along with cards made by the Sunday School. To help with the purchase of the poinsettias, you are invited to make a financial donation in memory of one or more of your loved ones. Place your donation in an envelope with your name, envelope number and the names of your loved one(s) in whose memory you are donating, and place it on the offering plate on Sunday morning, or you can bring your information and donation to the church office.

If you bring your donation to the office, please do so by Wednesday Dec. 12th at 2:00 p.m.

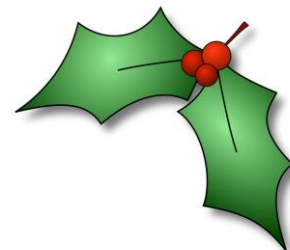
JANUARY HOUSE

Calling all members of the January House team! It's that time of year again, as the weather turns colder and the days get busier with the upcoming season. **We will have a meeting of the January house in the resource room directly following service on December 10th.** Hope to see everyone there! If you are unable to attend or need to speak to me please email me at ostrowski@tnt21.com or call 519-396-3374. Thanks Jodi



Loaves & Fishes

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN



DATE: December 11, 2017

SOCIAL TIME: 5:30 pm

DINNER: 6:00 pm

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks to God and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied." Matthew 14:18-20

Each month Kincardine United Church hosts a Loaves and Fishes dinner. **Everyone** is invited – to share fellowship, laughter and food. There is always a great variety to eat. No one goes home hungry! Unlike Jesus, we may not feed 5,000, but all who attend leave satisfied.

Bring a friend. Bring a stranger. Even bring family! Come alone and make new friends. Don't cook, not enough time to cook or shop? Come anyway. You're always welcome!

UPCOMING DATE: January 8, 2018

FELLOWSHIP HALL BATHROOM FINALLY COMPLETED

The Fellowship Hall Bathroom is finally completed with the installation of the base cove moulding.

A big "Thank You" to Kendra Zurbrigg for selecting the colour coordination, Ralph Knowles and Bill McTavish for the difficult task of removing the old floor, Wayne Palmateer for the removal and reinstallation of the toilet etc. and Ralph Knowles for the excellent painting job. Another successful project carried out by the members of Kincardine United Church.

Jack Nancekivell Property Committee

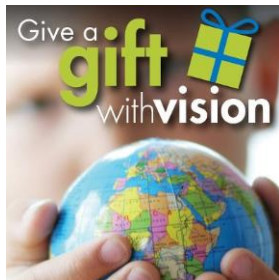
CHRISTMAS TREE OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



Christmas, for too many, can be a time of deep sorrow. All around people are decking the halls, lighting lights, merrily shopping and trimming trees. To provide a space in which to mark the loss and the sadness during this Christmas season, the Davey-Linklater Funeral Home is hosting a **Tree of Remembrance Service on Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. at Kincardine United Church**. All the people the Funeral Home has served in the past year are invited. So, too, are all those who find this time of year filled with sadness and with loss. The service will be nondenominational and there will be an opportunity to place a remembrance star on our special Christmas

Tree, followed by refreshments. We would ask that you **call 519-396-2701** or **email daveylinklaterfh@tnt21.com** before Monday, December 11th, and confirm the number attending from your family at our Christmas Tree of Remembrance Service.

GIFTS WITH VISION



"...you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31, NRSV)

We have received the "Gifts with Vision" catalogues. It is full of ideas for gifts that bring God's compassionate presence into people's lives throughout Canada and across the world. Consider purchasing a special Christmas gift for the people on your list. To select a gift and to read inspiring stories of how "Gifts with Vision" is changing lives, visit the website giftswithvision.ca or pick up a catalogue in the stand outside the office.

QUESTERS



Questers will meet in the Kincardine United Church kitchen at 6 pm on Dec 15, 2017 and Jan 18, Feb 15, March 15, April 19, 2018. We will have a short meditation/service followed by a light meal. You do not need to contribute any food. We will watch a 30 minute segment of "Beyond Theology" and finish with a discussion period. Each session is independent of the previous one. Please join us!

Beyond Theology: In this 10 part series noted theologians, scholars and authors reflect upon the fundamental challenges of our time, addressing the roots of contemporary culture wars and global environmental crises. The series focuses on the emergence of a worldview that integrates science and spirituality, while exploring the notion that the guiding myths of modern civilization are in transition.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW ... Mary Orr has moved to room 3 at R Villa. Shirley Harris is at Trillium Court Room #101, 396-5644.



THANK YOU NOVEMBER HOUSE

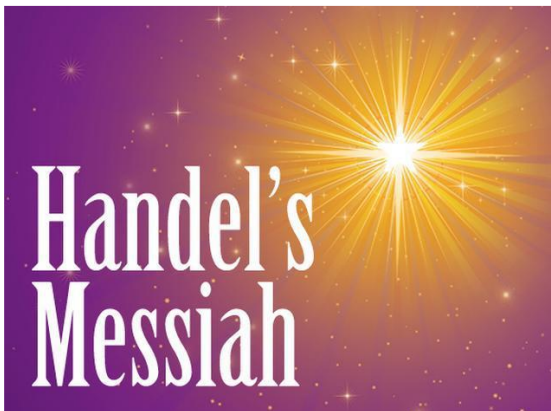
November House Team...no matter big jobs or small, you are appreciated for your helpful hands and hearts!! Thank you for giving your time and talent.
Catharine & John

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLES – YOUR HELP WANTED



There is a need for some help with the kettle shifts in Kincardine. We have three locations that will have kettles this year Sobey's starting Dec 11 to 23, LCBO Dec 14 to 16 & Dec 21 to 23 and No Frills Dec 18 to 20. For the kettle shifts anyone is welcome to do it. All that have to do is stay with the money, say hi to people and hand out candy canes/prayer cards. If you are wanting to take part please call Kendal Irvin 519-955-0887.

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL'S MESSIAH



Orchestra Grey Bruce and the Saugeen County Chorus present their 19th Anniversary performance

December 16th at 8 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church

345 Durham St. Kincardine Tickets \$20. 16 and under are free.

Box office: J'Adorn, 770 Queen Street

Also available through Kincardine Scottish shop 730 Queen St, Ralph's Hi-Way Shoppette Port Elgin, Chorus and Orchestra members, Online at Ticketscene and at the

ANNUAL BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT PINE RIVER UNITED



Please join us at Pine River United Church for our annual Blue Christmas service on **Dec. 14, 2017, at 7 p.m.** This special Advent service is for anyone feeling a loss of any kind during this season of the year when it seems sometimes that everyone is joyful but us! We all have losses in our lives; losses come in many forms and this is an opportunity for you to come and be in fellowship with others who may be feeling rather blue during the build-up to Christmas. We will light candles to both mark our individual losses (whether it is the loss of a job, a way of life, a relationship, moving, etc.) and also to remember ones who are not here with us. A time of fellowship will follow the service. All are welcome!

FINAL CHANCE FOR DONATIONS bring your donations to the church by 3 p.m. on December 29th. Room location will be posted.



Holiday Hours

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS the office will be closed to the public Dec 25 – Jan 1st and will reopen Jan 2nd.

BULLETIN, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GORD'S REFLECTION

GET ON the LIST

Would you like to receive Kincardine's United Church weekly bulletin, announcements and Gord's reflection by email?

It's easy to do. You can call the office and give Sarah your email address or you can email your request to kuchurch@bmts.com.

Program Calendar



Sunday Dec 17 Advent 3, Gifts and Memorials

Preaching – Gord Dunbar

Sermon: "Painting the Way"

Sunday Dec 24 Advent 4

Preaching – Gord Dunbar

Sermon: "Here I Am, Servant"

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT AND CAROL SERVICE

**December 24th at 7 PM
in the Sanctuary**



Christmas Day Community Meal



Monday, December 25, 2017

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. with Dinner at 1:00 p.m.

**For planning purposes and to save your spot
please call Sam or Heather at 519-396-2001
by Wednesday, December 20th**

Homemade turkey dinner and all the trimmings

All are welcome

No charge (freewill offering)

**St. Anthony's of Padua Catholic Church Hall
749 Russell Street, Kincardine**

BOSTON PIZZA



Please continue to bring in your Sunday receipts and place them in the jar on the table in the Narthex or put them into our receipt box in the restaurant.

Our Church receives 10% of Sunday sales – any time of day on any Sunday! Thank you!!!

I DIDN'T KNOW...!



It must be frustrating when you need a visit and no one knows. Kincardine United Church is so blessed to have people who are willing to visit folks who are less able to attend worship, or who are ill or in hospital. Let us know if you want a visit. Let us know if you wish to be one of those visiting. This is how we make our community of faith ever stronger. Contact Melinda Smegal at 519-396-7184 when you want a visit or if you wish to become a trained visitor.

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL?



If you have a concern, request or suggestion, please direct it to an appropriate volunteer. Thank you.

Chair of Council – Marion Boyd
Chair of Administration - Donna Mowry
Chair of Program - Jackie Clements
UCW Secretary – Dianne Henkenhaf

Membership & Mission committee members (no chairperson)

Liz Dillman
Jean Johnson
Charles Ludlow
Bernd Portz
Ursula Portz
Krista Ritchie
Melinda Smegal

Property Ministry Team

Ron Elliott
Bev Jennings
Ralph Knowles
Bill MacTavish
Dotty McClelland
Jack Nancekivell
Ron Smith
Gerry Stephens

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

DECEMBER 10, 2017

CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE MIDST OF VIOLENCE

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the work of resolution in places of conflict. Let us hear a story from Palestine.

In Bethlehem, the largely Christian-Palestinian city of Jesus' birth, Wi'am strives to build a just society through mediation, conflict resolution, and non-violence. Its premises are bordered on one side by Israel's controversial separation wall (deemed illegal by the International Court of Justice in 2005) and on another side by a street that often sees confrontations between Palestinian protestors and Israeli soldiers. Rocks, tear gas canisters, rubber bullets, and live ammunition sometimes land in Wi'am's garden. "Simply being present here is an act of non-violence," Programme Manager Imad Nassar says.

Wi'am, a Mission & Service partner, works with all sectors of Palestinian society, Christian and Muslim, women and men, from schoolchildren to the elderly, addressing issues such as domestic violence, economic empowerment, peer relationships, and living under occupation.

In its work with schools, Wi'am teaches children and young adults the skills they need to mediate conflict in non-violent ways and how to live and work in a society under the constant stresses of occupation. Since starting its workshops, there has been a significant decrease in violence in the schools it has been working in.

Former students talk about how Wi'am changed their lives, gave them confidence, and put them in situations where they met Israeli students like them on neutral ground— often the first time they'd met Israelis who weren't soldiers.

We sing thanksgiving for the conflict resolution and mediation of Wi'am supported through Mission & Service.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!