

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 EVENTS**

Choir – (will return Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>) Thurs. 2-3 p.m. in the Sanctuary & Sun. 9:45 a.m. in Choir room  
 K.U.C.I.E. – (will return Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesdays 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary

<b>EVENT/MEETING</b>	<b>DATE &amp; TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION*</b>
Children's Christmas Pageant	Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> , 4 p.m.	Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Candlelight & Carol service	Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m. <i>(K.U.C.I.E. prelude starts at 6:30 p.m.)</i>	Sanctuary
Programme	Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup> , 7-9 p.m.	Choir room
UCW Sunshine	Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup> , 1-3 p.m.	Choir room
Loaves & Fishes dinner	Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup> , doors open 5:30 p.m.	F. Hall
Sharing Meditation	Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup> , 7-9 p.m.	Chapel

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

**Why So Early?**

Come on Christmas Eve to bring the birth of the baby Jesus to life. Young families on Christmas Eve have little time and the kids have short attention spans. For no more than 30 minutes beginning at **4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**, come for a children-friendly worship. Costumes for those interested will be provided.



**FOOD BANK**



Our church is a regular supporter of the Kincardine Food Bank. To help boost donations, the Membership & Mission committee has deemed the last Sunday of each month as a special time to remember to bring a non-perishable item. Some suggestions are: cans of ham, fruit, stew, vegetables, toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc.), peanut butter, pasta, cookies, school snacks, jam, cereal, and feminine products. Let's overflow the wire shopping cart in the narthex next Sunday and every month! Thank you for your contributions, for sharing and for caring.



**GORD'S OFFICE HOURS** *Week of December 24th*



**Monday**      **9 a.m. – noon**



**GORD WILL BE AWAY ...** Gord will be taking holiday from Tuesday, December 25th, 2018 to Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 inclusive. For emergency pastoral care while Gord is away, please contact Kerry Stover at 1-519-854-0469. Thank you.

**PROGRAMME CALENDAR**

- SUNDAY, DEC. 24**    **4 P.M. CHILDREN'S "COME AS YOU ARE" CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
**7. P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
*-K.U.C.I.E. PRELUDE STARTS AT 6:30 P.M.*
- SUNDAY, DEC. 30**    **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
**Worship: Kerry Stover**    **Meditation: "A Witness to the Light"**
- SUNDAY, JAN. 6**      **EPIPHANY SUNDAY**  
**Worship: Kerry Stover**    **Meditation: "Overwhelmed with Joy"**
- SUNDAY, JAN. 13**    **BAPTISM OF JESUS**  
**Worship: Gord Dunbar**    **Meditation: "Adopted, Blessed, Transformed"**
- SUNDAY, JAN. 20**    **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**  
**Worship: Kerry Stover**    **Meditation: "Where's the Party?"**

## BOXED ENVELOPES ARE READY



The 2019 boxed numbered envelopes are ready for pickup at the back of the church for those that used them last year.

Anyone wanting envelopes or to be setup to PAR (pre-authorized remittance) to contact John Phillips, Envelope Steward via Email:

[kucesteward@bmts.com](mailto:kucesteward@bmts.com)

## ANNUAL REPORTS

As the year draws to a close, the time has come once again to submit your Annual Reports for 2018. Write them now while your memory is fresh! Please submit them to Sarah MacKenzie in the office either electronically (preferred) or in print. The **deadline for submission is Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Thank you.



**DATE:** January 14, 2019

**SOCIAL TIME:** 5:30 pm

**DINNER:** 6:00 pm

We invite everyone to join us for our Loaves and Fishes Potluck Dinner and share friendship, laughter and food. Please bring friends, family and what you are able for food. As those who attend our monthly Loaves and Fishes Potluck know, there is always a large variety of food and more than enough to feed all who come to our table. If you are not able to bring something you are also welcome you at our table.

If you are unable to carry your dish into the Friendship Hall there will be a cart at the side entrance you can put it on and we will bring it down. If you need assistance carrying it from your car just let us know and we will bring it in for you.

*Future Dates: February 11, 2019, March 11, 2019 & April 9, 2019*

*"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. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied." Matthew 14:18-20*

## SHARING MEDITATION (Revisited)



**in the Chapel starting January 16, 2019**

Meditation can be a beautiful place of prayer and where you can be closer to the Lord but sometimes it can be a difficult technique. Two Parishioners of KUC, Randy Norris and Charles Ludlow are long time meditators who have agreed to teach and to share their experiences. Randy, has been meditating for over 35 years and will share methods of meditation in 4 week course and help interpret your experiences. Beginning on January 16th to February 6th from 6 pm to 8 pm. in the Chapel.



## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed to the public Dec 24 – Jan 1<sup>st</sup> and will reopen Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

# Christmas Day Community Meal



**Tuesday December 25, 2018**

**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 Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>*

**Homemade Turkey Dinner With All The Trimmings**

**All Are Welcome**

**No charge (freewill offering)**

**Meal Location**

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

## 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](mailto:kuchurch@bmts.com).


## ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE CHOIR



Always wanted to join the choir but Thursday afternoon rehearsals don't work for you??

**From now on, the choir is doing an additional rehearsal at 9:45 AM Sunday mornings, in the Choir room.**

It is not a full rehearsal, but will provide the opportunity to learn the anthem of the day and some upcoming anthems.



### PROJECT WISH LIST

The Project Wish List has been updated. Check out the completed and pending projects on the list:

[http://www.kincardineunitedchurch.org/sites/default/files/project\\_wish\\_list\\_-\\_november\\_2018.pdf](http://www.kincardineunitedchurch.org/sites/default/files/project_wish_list_-_november_2018.pdf)

The list includes capital improvements to increase the function & appearance of our church, as well as its mission & ministry. If you have an idea for an improvement you would like to see happen, please drop your suggestion into the office, put it on the offering plate or send it to the church in an email at [kuchurch@bmts.com](mailto:kuchurch@bmts.com).

### ELMER ISELER SINGERS THURSDAY MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Kincardine Community Singers are delighted to host the Elmer Iseler Singers on their 40th Anniversary tour. The concert will take place March 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7:30 pm in Knox Presbyterian Church, 345 Durham Street, Kincardine.

The Elmer Iseler Singers is a professional chamber choir based in Toronto, Ontario. The twenty-voice choir, conducted by Artistic Director Lydia Adams, founded by Dr. Elmer Iseler in 1979, is one of Canada's leading choral ensembles and is highly acclaimed throughout North America.

Tickets are \$25 and they are available for sale on the Community Singers website or at Harbour Rose in Kincardine as of January 7th. If you are interested in pre-ordering tickets for Christmas please get in contact with Paula Smith, [Smithm@tnt21.com](mailto:Smithm@tnt21.com) or at [www.kincardinecommunitysingers.ca](http://www.kincardinecommunitysingers.ca).

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**DECEMBER 23, 2018**

## **SERVE GOD GLADLY**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support programs that empower women in the developing world.

At the Morogoro Women's Training Centre in Dodoma, Tanzania, there is a sign that reads, "Serve God gladly." Morogoro has been a Mission & Service global partner since the centre's creation in 1979.

The centre offers a variety of courses, from legal advocacy to agriculture to maternal health. The goal is to empower women to make a better life for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Over the past five years, United Church Women have supported the Traditional Birth Attendants program at the centre. Five hundred women have graduated from this program and are now able to assist mothers to give birth safely in communities that often lack a clinic or hospital. Traditional Birth Attendants, or midwives, play a significant role in reducing maternal and infant mortality through pre- and post-natal care and birthing techniques. Mothers and their children are alive thanks to this program and to the vision of the Morogoro Centre.

Our ongoing gifts for Mission & Service enable core support for the Morogoro Women's Training Centre.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.