

This Week in the Life and Work of our Church

KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH

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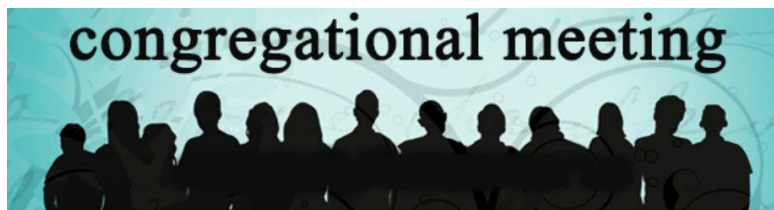
The Congregation of Kincardine United Church seeks to foster a journey of spiritual growth through hospitality, service, fellowship and study, and, in community, to build up the ministry of every person and together experience God's abundant love and grace.

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*
Kincardine Community Concert Band Christmas Concert	Today, 3 p.m.	Sanctuary
Loaves and Fishes dinner	Dec. 11 th , doors open 5:30	F. Hall
UCW North <i>Roll call Christmas verse & gift exchange</i>	Dec. 12 th , 12-3 p.m.	Joyce Neyvatte's
UCW Sunshine Christmas lunch	Dec. 13 th , 1-3 p.m.	F. Hall
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

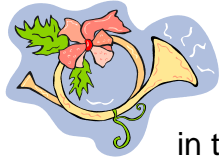
(*F. Hall = Fellowship Hall, Res. Room = Resource room)



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 will be available electronically by
Friday, December 8th and in print by Sunday, December 10th.

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





**DECEMBER 3, 2017 AT 3 PM
KINCARDINE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

in the Kincardine United Church Sanctuary. Freewill admission



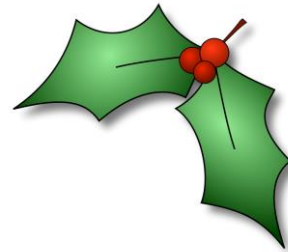
DECEMBER 6TH VIGIL

To raise awareness about violence against women, there will be a vigil in the sanctuary on Wednesday, December 6th between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Stay as long as you need. Come for as short a time as you want. Be part of the light.



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



**GORD'S OFFICE HOURS
FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3**
Monday 1-5 p.m. and Tuesday 9 a.m. – noon
.... *Drop by and say hi!*

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.

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.

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.

THANK YOU



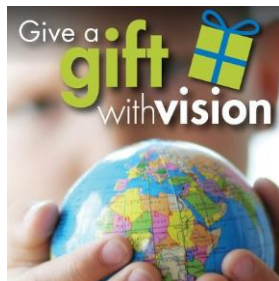
The Festive Gifts and Goodies Committee (Pat Jennings, Mary-Ann Knowles and Dianne Henkenhaf) would like to thank everyone who donated baking and crafts for our sale. Also many thanks to everyone who brought in food for our luncheon, and all those who volunteered to work. We had a very successful Christmas sale with a profit of \$2098.95.

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

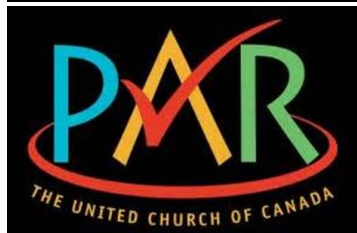
**THANK YOU NOVEMBER HOUSE**

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

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.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES & PAR ... With the new year only two months away, it's

time to begin planning for 2018. For those in the congregation presently using weekly offering envelopes, the envelopes will be available in mid-December. The 2017 envelope number assignments will be updated and changed for 2018, so if you have grown fond of a specific number we can only offer you the promise of change. 😊

If you do not presently use offering envelopes and would like to do so, please contact the Envelope Steward (Rod Coates) or the church office.

Many of the congregation have opted to become Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) subscribers. In fact, more members of the congregation now use PAR than offering envelopes. While any time is a good time to consider how you support your church, now is an especially good time as offering envelopes are being assigned and distributed. Some of the advantages of PAR are:

- PAR allows members & adherents to give faithfully to the church even when they are not able to be there in person.
- PAR offerings are transferred automatically to the Kincardine United Church bank account monthly, which makes budgeting and planning easier.
- PAR donations can be changed or cancelled at any time.
- PAR avoids paperwork for the Sunday offering counters and the envelope steward. (Yes, it's all about us, isn't it?) This reduces carbon footprint and management of used offering envelopes, which must be retained for 7 years. There is no paperwork involved once PAR is set up.
- Anytime anyone is up to PAR it's a good thing!

Please consider PAR as one of the ways in which you can support Kincardine United Church.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW ... Shirley Harris is at Trillium Court Room #101, 396-5644.

Program Calendar



Sunday Dec 10 Advent 2, White Gift Sunday
Preaching – Gord Dunbar
Intergenerational Smorgasbord

Sunday Dec 17 Advent 3, Gifts and Memorials
Preaching – Gord Dunbar
Sermon: “Painting the Way”

KDSS KNIGHTS FOOD AND NEW TOY DRIVE ... will occur **Saturday December 9, 2017.** Students will be in your neighbourhood between **9 am - noon.** Leave the items your family wants to donate outside your front door with a Christmas Knights label. Donations from this drive are used for the Christmas Hamper program.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS

This program assists those who are in need at Christmas time!



Your valued donations of non-perishable foods (preferably festive), **new** toys, gifts and/or clothing should be delivered to St. Anthony’s Parish Church Hall on **Friday Dec. 8th between 10 a.m. – noon.** Festive food suggestions: pie filling, cranberry sauce, stuffing, pineapple/tomato juices, cookies/cakes, candy, canned hams/specialty meats, puddings/jellos. Vouchers or gift certificates from local stores would be especially appreciated because the correct size/needs would be better met. Vouchers can be mailed to the treasurer (see below) or brought to St. Anthony’s on Dec. 8th.

Please send monetary donations to the treasurer – Rhodora Doughty, Box 527, Kincardine, ON N2Z 2Y9, **Cheques payable to Kincardine Community Services Association**, please. The Christmas Knights drive is part of this program. Contacts: Heather Finnie, 396-2001, Barb Burgess 396-8345, Rhodora Doughty 396-4368.

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**

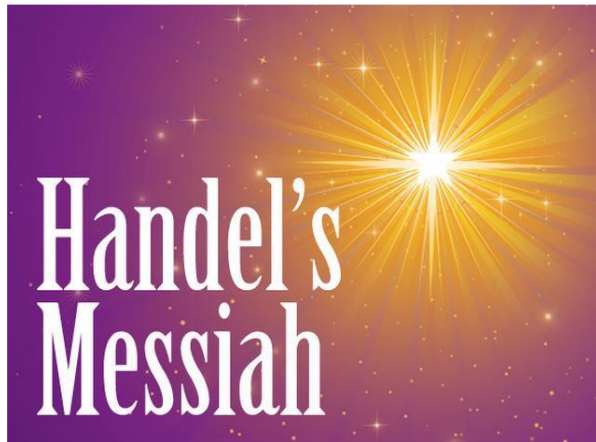
Homemade turkey dinner and all the trimmings

All are welcome

No charge (freewill offering)

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

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 door.

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!

THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM?



The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 14th, 2018** during worship. If you know of someone who is thinking about being baptised, please contact Gord at 519-396-2391, extension 2 to make arrangements to explore the possibilities. Isn't it cool how this family of faith keeps growing!

EMILY GORDON'S BABY



Neil Gordon Joshi was born November 14th, 2017, the first child of Rev. Emily Gordon and Nikhil Joshi. See photos here: <http://www.leasideunited.org/welcome-neil-gordon-joshi/>

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

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 when you want a visit or if you wish to become a trained visitor.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

DECEMBER 3, 2017

Microcredit Funds Hope

Our gifts for Mission & Service support microcredit programs. Let us hear about one of these programs in Kenya.

Women with disabilities living in urban slums and rural areas of Kenya face multiple levels of discrimination and struggle to earn a living. Mission & Service partner the Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network (EDAN) has partnered with the organization Women Challenged to Challenge to address the issues of poverty these women face.

EDAN is a ministry of the World Council of Churches committed to the full inclusion of people with disabilities in church and society. Its goal is to break down the walls of fear and prejudice that prevent these people from having rich and meaningful lives. EDAN lives out this goal in different ways around the world.

In Kenya, EDAN and Women Challenged to Challenge have established a revolving loan fund that gives women with disabilities access to modest business loans. The loans, averaging US\$50, allow women to run their own small-scale businesses. These range from a vegetable stall in a local market to selling used clothing to making food to sell. No matter the business, what the loans provide is opportunity—opportunities for women to improve their families' lives and to provide shelter, food, clothing, and an education for their children.

We sing thanksgiving that Mission & Service is supporting women with disabilities in Kenya to improve their families' lives.

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!