

Streetsville United Church Christmas Tidings 2018

The King is Born!

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Calendar

Sunday Services 10 a.m.

Christmas Services

Advent Sundays

- 1st Dec 2nd** Holy Communion
- 2nd Dec 9th** Choir Christmas Worship
- 3rd Dec 16th** Sunday School White Gift Service
- 4th Dec 23th** Christmas Service

Monday December 24th Christmas Eve Celebration

- 7:00 pm** Contemporary Christmas Celebration - music from our bands!
- 10:30 pm** Christmas Eve Communion Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue. Dec 4 7:15 pm – Annual UCW Christmas meeting and service – see UCW pg. 2.

Sun. Dec 9 - Music Appreciation Sunday see Pastoral Care pg. 2.

Sun. Dec 16 – White Gift Sunday

Sat. Feb 23, 2019 – Annual Coldest Night of the Year Walk

The Streetsville United Faith in Action Team is planning to take to the streets and walk in support of The DAM.

Sun. Feb 24, 2019 – Annual Meeting

Sat. Apr 27, 2019 – Church Garage Sale

Mark your calendars now for this annual fundraiser! See Garage Sale pg. 2



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Music is one of God's precious gifts to humankind, and can have wonderful healing properties. In the book of 1 Samuel, we read that when a dark mood descended upon King Saul, young David would play melodies on the harp for him. This brought relief to the King and helped to lift his spirits.

A study showed that singing Christmas carols is good for your health. Singing carols reduces stress and promotes feelings of trust and bonding. Furthermore, singing with a group can improve self-esteem and increase feelings of social belonging. So joining a choir is always a good idea. But even if you're not likely to join a choir, just singing the carols with your children or your spouse or along with a CD in the car can do you a lot of good.

Christmas carols are some of the most beloved music in the Christian church. One reason we love Christmas worship is because it gives us the opportunity to sing some of our favourite carols. Over the course of our Christmas worship services we try to get in as many of them as we can. The mystery and wonder of the Word made flesh, God in human form, laid in Bethlehem's manger, is so well captured by music. The combination of the music's harmonies and the marvelous story touches something deep inside us and rekindles faith and hope and love within us.

John Shillingberg and our choir always present a wonderful service of Christmas music for the congregation. This year the special Christmas music service is on Sunday December 9 at 10 am. This service is always a special event in our church year, greatly appreciated by all of us. So too, is the Sunday School White Gift service, to be held on Sunday December 16 at 10 am. This service is also full of music, performed by our Junior Band and the Sunday School. Furthermore, they always tell the Christmas story to us in such an engaging and relevant way. I know that they can count on our full support.

We are truly blessed by the wonderful music and musicians we have here at Streetsville United. Each week the worship and the message is so well supported by the music of the choir and our bands. I am very grateful to all the musicians in our church, as well as to all of you in the congregation who show such great appreciation for the musical offerings.

The greatest blessing of all is to proclaim and receive the hope and promise of the Christmas message. "Do not be afraid, for unto you is born a Saviour who is Christ the Lord." "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved."

I wish Christmas blessings to all of you and thank you for making Streetsville United a place where the light of the Gospel is proclaimed and practiced. I pray that our faithful witness to the Lord Jesus is pleasing to God. May our Christmas worship, our Christmas offerings and our Christmas outreach all reflect the glorious love of God and his marvelous gift for our salvation unto eternal life – Jesus Christ the Saviour.

Rev. John

Garage Sale 2019

Saturday April 27 is our annual garage sale 9am – 1pm. This event has raised thousands of dollars since its inception 16 years ago. It includes a silent auction, kid's room, cafeteria, books etc. sale and the main auditorium sale. Many hands on are needed the week prior and the day of. Also needed are items in good and clean condition. So, if you know of anyone downsizing or simply wishing to purge some things we are appreciative to receive them. The money raised here goes to general finances of the church. More information to follow in early spring. Any enquiries please speak to or call Adelaide 905-812-9483. Thank you!

STREETSVILLE UNITED WOMEN (UCW)

UCW Christmas Meeting

The annual Christmas meeting will be held **Tuesday December 4 at 7:15** in the sanctuary. The program will feature "The Notables", the choir that has formed following the disbanding of Justus. Refreshments and fellowship follow in Heritage Hall. The congregation is invited to share in this special evening of Christmas music and worship. Gift donations are also collected at this event for distribution to the Elizabeth Fry Society (toiletries suggested) and The Open Door (gift cards appreciated).

Church Food Pantry

Please take note that the Benevolent Fund of loose offering collected on Communion Sundays is used by us to purchase \$15 Freshco grocery vouchers and bus tickets given to our clients, along with food from our cupboard and personal care and cleaning kits. These less fortunate people are invited to come here once every 30 days for help and are very grateful to Streetsville United Church for our support, so THANK YOU.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

Sunday December 16th – the congregation is invited to support the Salvation Army Toy Drive with the donation of unwrapped toys or gift cards.

HARVEST OF CRAFTS SALE SUCCESS!



Cookie making and decorating for the sale!

I want to thank everyone in our congregation for your tremendous support of our main fundraising event for the UCW on Saturday, October 27! We couldn't have had such a good day without all your help - whether you crafted, baked, made jam or jelly and decorated their containers, posted lawn signs, advertised, set up rooms and took down tables, decorated, told all your friends and family about the sale and came and worked at it and shopped too!

It all came together to create a great atmosphere of fun and solidarity in supporting our church and our local and international charities! So thank you one and all! A special thank you to all the menfolk who helped out too! We couldn't have done this without you!

Blessings,
Katie Powell

OPEN DOOR

Once again, Open Door is having their Christmas dinner where they include a gift for each participant, for approximately 250 people. If you would like to contribute, they are asking for either a small box or gift bag with gift cards mostly. Open Door is very happy to receive Loblaw's cards which means the recipients can shop at several stores from that group, Tim Horton's cards or their favourite is Walmart, so they can purchase food, clothing, toiletries & small appliances. If you make up a box/bag, please attach a ribbon on the outside with a list of what is inside please. A small gift box/bag may include one or more gift cards & maybe a few candies or chocolate.

UCW is having their Christmas meeting on Dec 4th & will be accepting donations then, or you can give any donations to me at church until Dec. 2nd! I will be delivering them that week because their dinner is on the 13th this year.

Thank you & God Bless!

Donna Moss
905-821-2118



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The role of the Worship Committee is to ensure the smooth functioning of every worship service within the Church. In doing so many people are involved, Rev. Tapscott, John Shillingberg (organist), the Church Council and members of the congregation.

The delivery of Communion once a month is supported by Maisie and Ken McMullen with the back up support of Neil and Carol Beattie. A new tablecloth for the communion table was donated by Bill and Juanita Hega from their recent trip to the Philippines.

The Welcome Team consists of 35 members who welcome all to the church every Sunday. Many of the members have been performing this function for the past 5 years and continue to do so even when they have other responsibilities. That may include assisting with communion, driving seniors to church and back to their home, or counting the collection after the service.

The Nursery and Toddler Sunday School classes have been combined into one class titled Pre-School Sunday School. Volunteers or members of the youth Sunday School class assist with this group of little ones.

In the past year Streetsville United Church has welcomed two members through baptism and eleven through profession of faith.

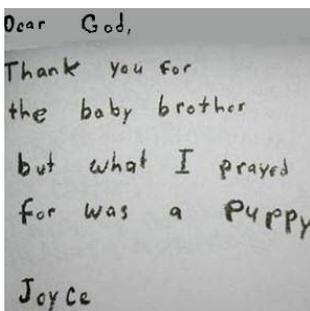
Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Shepherd and organists Robin Dalglish and Larry Barnes filled in for vacation time for Rev. Tapscott and John Shillingberg respectively.

Thank you to all who willingly support the Church service each Sunday by their attendance and commitment.

Season's greetings from the Worship Committee:

Heather Drew, Wally Bridel and Ruth Kochanuk

Respectfully submitted by
Anna Loughlin



Dear God,
Thank you for
the baby brother
but what I prayed
for was a Puppy
Joyce

COFFEE HOUSE with BRUCE

A final 'note' on our Coffee House held September 29: attendance was outstanding with 88 patrons enjoying a fun evening of song, food and reminiscing with our former youth leader. Here are Wally (technician), Bruce and colleague Ian warming up just before the show. Thank you for your support, which resulted in a net profit of \$450 for the church.



A Christmas Blessing

*May God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith,
The warmth of Christmas, which is love,
The radiance of Christmas, which is purity,
The righteousness of Christmas, which is truth,
The ALL of Christmas, which is
CHRIST!*

~Wilda English



*Happy New Year
2019 with the
hope for many
blessings in the
year to come!*