



Church News

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Today

Children under the age of 4 go to the nursery while children up to grade 6 go to the children and worship program. Youth in grades 3-6 are now invited to participate in the next level of the Children and Worship program with Carol Anne Janzen.

Nursery: **Dec. 17th**

Ushers: **December** Ted Sammon, Nora Teal,
Boyd Jagoe, Laraine Jagoe

Tellers: **December** Boyd Jagoe & Sharon Sammon

Decorations: **December** Youth Group

Symbols of Remembrance

The hand chimes we will enjoy this season were given to our church in loving memory of **Hubert & Elsie Steele** by their children, Garth Steele and Elaine Turner, and their families. The advent wreath that graces our sanctuary was given to us in loving memory of **Greta Benedict** and **Debbie Benedict**. It was made by Greta's son and Debbie's husband, Lewis. The pulpit hanging and Communion table runner were given to us in loving memory of **Blaine Porter** and **Marty & Leota McKinnon** by Marlene Porter and family. These items were hand-crafted by **Marg Russell**. The poinsettia has been placed in loving memory of **David Shaffelburg** from Margery and family. The pewter angel on top of the tree is in loving memory of **Elinor Miller**. We are grateful for these symbols, and for the warm memories of loved ones they bear.

Church Events:

1. **Coffee & Conversation!** Every **Thursday at 10 a.m.** anyone who feels like a cup of coffee and conversation is most welcome to join us.
2. There will be a quick **pageant rehearsal** on **December 23** from **9-10** for youth and children of all ages who would like to be involved.
3. **Youth Group –Sun. Dec. 17** 6:30pm Christmas Party! **Dec 23rd** – Meet at Kimberly’s for carolling, hot chocolate and Christmas treats!
4. **KIDS Music Sunday** – on Sunday **December 24th** at 4pm. Bring your favorite Christmas song to share during this fun and exciting service. Please let Christianne know if you are planning to perform. (christianne.rushton@acadiou.ca)
5. The Church family is alerted by the 150th Anniversary Committee, that a **New Year’s Levee** is planned for **New Year’s Day, 10:00-12:00** in Lockwood Hall. This will be the Kick Off celebrating our special Anniversary. Informal, great food, sign unveiling and more... Mark your calendar.
6. Calling all young adults (ages 18 to early 30s): Come to the **Agora Café on Thursday evenings, 6-8pm beginning January 11th, 2018** at Port Williams United Baptist Church. Join us for a warm beverage on these cold winter evenings and some light café-style snacks. We offer a safe place to learn and ask questions. The café will begin with a series looking at who Jesus was in the Bible and who he is for us today. Suggestions welcome for future topics. For further information or to coordinate transportation to and from Port Williams, please contact Susan at susandemont@acadiou.ca.

Community Events:

1. The Port Williams & District Lions Club will provide **Christmas Baskets** for a complete Christmas dinner **to those in need** in their area. If you know of anyone eligible, please call 679.9160 by Dec 20.
2. **Longest Night Service** – On Wednesday, **December 20**, at 7:00 pm, Orchard Valley United Church will hold a Longest Night service. It will be a service of music, candle lighting and comfort during this overly busy and sometimes frantic time of the year. All are welcome. Orchard Valley UC is located at the foot of Cornwallis Avenue (across from the entrance to County Fair Mall) in New Minas

3. The Covenanter Church in Grand Pré will once again be the scene of a very special **11:00 pm Christmas Eve service** on Sunday, **December 24**. A quiet, contemplative service, filled with familiar scripture passages, favourite poems, traditional carols, special music. There will not be a sermon. Rev. Tim McFarland will lead the service. All are welcome.

4. **11th Annual Resolution Run, Walk and Roll** - Jump-start your healthiest year ever by joining us for the 11th Annual Resolution Run, Walk and Roll on Sunday 31 December. Choose either our 5 Km sidewalk course or use the indoor arena concourse. Registration opens at the Acadia University Athletic Complex at 3 p. m. for a 3:30 start. The entry fee is a non-perishable food item, cash or cheque in support of the Wolfville & Area Inter-church Council Food Bank. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult; pets must be on a leash. There will be draw prizes and hot apple cider to toast the New Year as you make your Resolutions for 2018! More info? Contact 542-1176 or wolfvilleresolutionrun@gmail.com

Please Note:

1. The church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's.

2. The minutes of the November 29th Congregational Meeting are on the bulletin board in the hall.

3. MISSION and OUTREACH: HUMAN RIGHTS DAY - December 10 is the United Nations' Human Rights Day. The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) acknowledges this day as "a time of reflection and consideration of the needs of our world and how we, as Baptists, are called to do justice, love kindness and to walk humbly with God as we prepare the way for the coming of Christ." In a worship resource prepared for Baptist congregations, the BWA included the following prayer: Holy and loving God, We know it to be true that you value the lives, rights, and the existence of all people. We come to you on Human Rights Day looking toward the eschatological vision of a day in which all people will be viewed as equal in the eyes of our Creator, and in the eyes of creation. As it is our calling to care for those who bear your image, help us to learn what it looks like to prepare the eschatological way of the Lord. As we go about our lives, be that which guides us through the wilderness as we continue to pave a consecrated highway that not only leads to you, but also points to you. And in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we ask that you allow us not to forget the value of life that each person bears as a unique creation made in your image. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today Dec. 17	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Show up and SING! Sunday Worship Service Adult Sunday School Youth Group Christmas Party
Monday	8:30 a.m. – 12:30	Church Office Open
Tuesday	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Playgroup Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday		
Thursday	10:00 a.m. 12:30 – 4:00p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Coffee Time Office Open Choir Practice
Friday		
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Next Sunday Dec. 24	10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant and Worship Family Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Candlelight Service