



Church News

Sunday, December 24, 2017

<u>Ushers:</u>	December	Ted Sammon, Nora Teal, Boyd Jagoe, Laraine Jagoe
	January	Bob Melanson, Kenzie Melanson Keria Melanson, Laraine Jagoe
<u>Tellers:</u>	December	Boyd Jagoe & Sharon Sammon
	January	Laraine Jagoe & Ruth Blenkhorn
<u>Decorations:</u>	December	Youth Group
	January	Elizabeth Jackson

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**. The manger scene outside was donated by the Loyal Workers and made by Eric Cox. 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. **KIDS Music Sunday** – Today, 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@acadiu.ca)
3. **HELP US CELEBRATE** - We are beginning the 150th year of the Port Williams United Baptist Church. Our celebrations begin at **10 a.m. on January 1st** at the church. IT'S A LEEVEE with food, fellowship and short program. All are welcome. It ends at 12 o'clock.
4. 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@acadiu.ca.

Community Events:

1. 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.
2. **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

3. **The Miriam Ross WMS** will meet at Wickwire Place on Tuesday, **January 2 at 7 pm**. The program will feature “The Great Canadian Bible Study “ led by Rev. Jen Smith. In addition to the regular offering, a special offering will be taken for Literacy. Everyone is welcome and it will be a great opportunity to start the new year.

Please Note:

1. December 31st will be the last Sunday for Rev. Barbara Bishop, our Interim Minister. Our new Minister, the Rev. Dr. Don Flowers, will begin the first week in January.
2. The church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year’s.
3. In a world fraught with violence it is often difficult to believe that "peace on earth" is achievable. Henri Nouwen says "Instead of being a dream, it challenges us to anticipate what it promises. Every time we forgive a neighbour, every time we make a child smile, every time we show compassion to a suffering person, every time we offer care to tame or wild animals, create beauty in our homes and gardens and work for peace and justice among peoples and nations we are making the vision come true."
4. I would like to thank the Deacons, our moderator and my church family for the kind words, cards and gifts I received at the lovely reception. I was overwhelmed and want you to know that you all mean so much to me and I will continue to be there for you. May God bless you all. Rev. Liz

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today 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
Monday	Christmas Day	Church Office Closed
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Office Closed Coffee Time
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday Dec. 31	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Show up and SING! Sunday Worship Service

