

## COMMUNITY NEWS + EVENTS

**Mon., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**, 5014 Roblin Blvd. The Charleswood Historical Society presents the 4<sup>th</sup> of its *Heritage Lecture Series*. Otto Ament will speak on "An Immigrant's Reflections/ Arriving in Canada from Austria in early 1950. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Silver Collection.

**Wed., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm**, Transcona Memorial United Church, 209 Yale Ave., will host *Affirm Talks*, a free event featuring David Matas, a distinguished immigration, refugee and international human rights lawyer, Levi Foy from Sunshine House Inc., Lauren Checkley from the Rainbow Resource Centre and Jackie Swirsky from BLiNK.

**Fri., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm**, United Church in Meadowood, 1111 Dakota St. will host a *fundraising concert* featuring Jessica Strong with Darryl Friesen & the UCIM Choir. Tickets \$20/adult, \$10/child includes dessert reception available at UCIM 204-256-8002 or at the door.

**Fri., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30-10:45pm**, Knox United Church, 400 Edmonton St. will host a YARG (Young Adult Recreational Gatherings) open to all people post high school to 30 yrs. of age. Feel free to bring a favourite board or card game, plus a finger-food snack to share! For more information or to RSVP, please contact Twila tmacnair@confrnwo.mb.ca or 204-421-8148

**Sat., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-12pm**, Fort Garry United, 800 Point Rd. will host a *cookie run*, for \$7 fill an empty box with cookies! Enjoy a cup of cider, coffee or tea & a cookie for \$1.50.

**Sat., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-3pm**, John Black Memorial United, 898 Henderson Hwy., invited you to their *Annual Christmas Tea & Craft Sale*. There will be home baking, craft vendors, a recycled Christmas item table and a Children's Christmas Shopping Room & a luncheon.

**Sat., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30pm**, Laudamus Aud. @ CMU, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. will host *Spirit of Christmas*, a concert of The Samantha Ballard Harp Ensemble. \$15/adults, \$10/seniors & students, at the door or sbharp.brownpapertickets.com

**Sun., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2:30pm**, Covenant Christian Reformed, 653 Knowles Ave. will host *Yule Sing '17*, a concert of The Winnipeg Male Chorus, The Eastman Men's Choir & the Divas. \$15/at the door, \$12.50/advance & \$5/students. Call 204-955-8545 for advance tickets.

**Tues., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 8pm**, *Steve Bell* & the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra will be *in concert* with UK poet, Malcolm Guite. Tickets available at WSO box office, 204-949-3999 wso.ca

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 4-7pm & Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm**, St. Matthews Maryland Community Ministry will be hosting their annual *Christmas Store*, which offers their guests an opportunity to purchase gifts for their families with dignity. Needed items include children's & teen's books, games & toys, personal hygiene items for Mom, Dad & kids, candies, coffees & warm winter clothing. Donations of gift cards, wrapping paper & gifts bags are very welcome. Donations cannot be stored in advance due to space issues but will be accepted on December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-4:30pm. Items can be left in the church office for collection. Items must be received by **DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**. Extra help before & during the sale is always welcome. Please contact volunteers@stmatthewsmaryland.ca

**Sun., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 & 7:30pm**, Harrow United Church, 955 Mulvey Ave. invites you to a *Christmas concert*, featuring traditional carols. Tickets \$10/person, available from Harrow UC 204-284-0079 or Christy 204-880-9566. Doors open 30 mins. prior to show time.

## The Life and Work of Our Church Nov. 26, 2017

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson  
Rev. Noelle Bowles

Senior Choir Director: Shauna Sperry  
Organist: Carla Plosz  
Musician-in-Residence:  
Brendan Thompson

Children's Ministry Director:  
Rosalie Finch  
Youth Co-ordinator: Leah Wilson

Office Administrator: Janet Ammeter  
Bookkeeper: Nancy Jeffrey

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### Our Scripture Readers this morning are:

- ★ 9:00 a.m. Colleen Ortwein
- ★ 11:00 a.m. Jeff Franz-Lien

### Our Greeters this morning are:

- ★ 9:00 a.m. Mona Bilton  
Dianne Arran
- ★ 11:00 a.m. Coralie Bornais

### Our Prayers of the People readers this morning are:

- ★ 9:00 a.m. Gloria Hersak
- ★ 11:00 a.m. Doreen Barton

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Kim Belfry, Helen Boyer, Marg English, Olga Hembroff, Martha Houston, Aferdita Hyseni, Ethel Scarrow, Hal Thiessen*

Please contact the church office if you know of anyone who is in need of a pastoral visit or a card.

On the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week, our thoughts and prayers are with: Brunei, Malaysia & Singapore and John Black Memorial United Church

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### PLANT, GROW, HARVEST, THANK 2018 Pledge Campaign

The stewardship packages have been mailed out.

Please consider this prayerfully and reply with your pledges by Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

We have much to be thankful for at Charleswood United Church and the generosity of this congregation is a blessing to many.

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

**Giving envelopes** are now ready for pick-up. Giving options include weekly & monthly envelopes and automatic monthly bank withdrawals. If you would like envelopes or to enrol in Pre-Authorized Remittance each month, please contact Nancy at finance@charleswoodunited.org or 204-832-3667. Thank you.

Care & Community will be hosting a **Christmas bake sale** on Sun., Dec., 10<sup>th</sup> following each worship service. Baking donations will be gratefully accepted on Fri., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm & Sat., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12 Noon. Please label any items containing nuts.



Hello from the Stamp Box! Many thanks to everyone who has kept me filled with their donations of stamps, postcards and envelopes with stamps attached. Even in this age of the internet & new technology, your generosity has allowed me to raise a considerable amount for our Mission & Social Action group. Your consideration is very much appreciated, so keep 'em coming! I really go postal when you fill me up!

Following the success of the **Cool Beans Coffeehouse** last year, CUC will be hosting another youth coffeehouse concert on Sat., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This event is intended for Junior High/High School aged students to come perform for one another in a relaxed, coffeehouse environment. If you are interested in performing or would like more information, please e-mail Brendan Thompson at [brendandt@hotmail.com](mailto:brendandt@hotmail.com).



The **Women's Social Group** will meet tomorrow at 1pm to assemble toiletry bags for downtown women's shelters. Donations of new toiletry items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner & women's products will be accepted at the church office. Thank you for your support.

For more information, please contact Lily at 204-889-7730.

Christmas is a-comin' and that goose is getting' fat ... please do put a penny or a bit more in the Christmas Hamper hat! **White Gift Sunday** is December 3<sup>rd</sup>, so please refer to the insert for requested items. We could not fill the hampers without the generous support from the congregation.

Donated items must be received by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Toys, gift bags and monetary donations are also very welcome!  
Thank you for your support.



**Lights For Lives** - Volunteers will be available after each worship service until December 24<sup>th</sup> to record the names of loved ones you wish to remember at the Lights for Lives service. The Remembrance Service will take place on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Van Roon Hall.

The **Lights for Lives service** will take place on Sun., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7pm. We are in need of volunteers to help with the refreshments following the service. If you can provide assistance, please speak to Michael Wilson.



Please make time to look at the beautiful knitted items. Thank you to all our knitters who give their talent to this ministry.

**THE WEEK AT CHARLESWOOD Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Community Venture	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Monday to Friday (LL)
Monday	Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. WSG Mtg. (BR) String Choir (S)
Tuesday	Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (CR)
Wednesday	Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Badminton (VRH) AI-Anon (LL)
Thursday	Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Seekers (BR) Poinsettia Delivery Girl Guides (LL) Pathfinders (Loft) Choir (S)
Friday	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. T.G.I.F. (BR) SSS Set-Up (BR, K, VRH)
Saturday	Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:00 p.m. SSS (BR, K, VRH)
Sunday	Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion Cool School Ena Sutton Dancers (LL)

The **Women's Advent Service** will take place on Monday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. The Together Growing in Faith group invites you to attend this reflective service, *The Gift of Love*, to celebrate Advent, the season of hope, light and anticipation. A time of fellowship & refreshments will follow in the Van Roon Hall. We gratefully accept all gifts of dainties, fruit plates, cheese & cracker plates or snacks of your choice, as well as set-up and clean-up help. We do ask that all food items be plated to save time in the kitchen. For more information, please speak to any member of T.G.I.F.



The next service where we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism** will take place on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> with one service at 11:00 a.m. If you or someone you know would like to have their child baptised or take part in adult baptism, please contact the office by December 15<sup>th</sup>.



The Fall Supper Committee would like to report that the total Fall Supper Fundraising for 2017 is nearly \$9500.00! That was due to the generous donations from the congregation to offset our increase in costs for the turkeys & turkey cooking. We would like to thank all the staff of the church and the many volunteers that make this evening such a success. We did not sell out this year, but will look to increase our efforts next year to ensure our continued success. Again, thank you to everyone for your support of this wonderful event!



White Gift Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
Shopping List



The following items are the foods that will be included in the hampers. Please refer to this list when making your food donations as items that are not on this list are not included in the hampers. Please ensure food items are not past their expiry dates. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated for toys and groceries donated.

Juice- 100% fruit  
 Jelly powder  
 Pasta- whole grain spaghetti, rotini  
 Rice- brown, converted or parboiled  
 Peanut butter, Jam  
 Stuffing mix  
 Cake Mix

Soup, canned  
 Fruit- canned, packed in juice  
 Spaghetti sauce  
 Oatmeal  
 Beans in tomato sauce  
 Gravy mix  
 Cranberry Sauce

Vegetables, canned  
 Macaroni & Cheese  
 Scalloped potatoes  
 Tuna- canned, packed in water  
 Pancake mix and syrup  
 Cookies  
 Tea

Toys and gift bags

*Thank you for your generous donations to help those less fortunate in our community.  
 – Christmas Hamper Committee*

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