

COMMUNITY NEWS + EVENTS

Sun., Dec. 3rd, 2pm, Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Ave. will host a *holiday service* with refreshments to follow.

Sun., Dec. 3rd, 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 & \$5/students.

Mon., Dec. 4th, 7:30pm, Westworth United Church, 1750 Grosvenor Ave. will host a *Taizé Ecumenical Advent Service* with prayers, multi-lingual scripture readings, silent meditation and chants with flute & piano.

Tues., Dec. 5th, 12-1pm, Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Ave. will host *Holidays Can Be Difficult*, a grief seminar, in partnership with Hospice & Palliative Care Manitoba. A light luncheon will be provided. RSVP 204-885-9715.

Wed., Dec. 6th, 7pm, Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Ave. in partnership with the Charleswood Historical Society presents the *Community History Series*. Share an evening with Dan Furlan & discuss the people, places & events that have shaped Winnipeg & Manitoba. Refreshments to follow.

Tues., Dec. 12th, 2pm, Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Ave. will host a *cooking class* with Ira of Ira's Deli. Come learn how to make challah bread & tomato, basil & rice soup. RSVP 204-885-9715.

Tues., Dec. 12th, 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. 13th & 14th, 4-7pm & Dec.15th, 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 11th & 12th, 8:30am-4:30pm. Items can be left in the church office for collection. Items must be received by **DECEMBER 10th**. Extra help before & during the sale is always welcome. Please contact volunteers@stmatthewsmaryland.ca

Sun., Dec. 17th, 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 Dec. 3, 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. Jim Melvin
- ★ 11:00 a.m. Sharon Gordon

Our Greeters this morning are:

- ★ 9:00 a.m. Kathryn Anderson
- ★ 11:00 a.m. Linda Little
Mark Little

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Kim Belfry, Helen Boyer, Dave English, 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: Myanmar & Thailand and Kildonan United Church

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The **Women's Advent Service** will take place on Monday, Dec. 4th, 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 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 Women's Social Group met on Monday to pack items for donation to women's shelters in the city. 15 women packed items for Willow Place, RAY & St. Matthews Maryland. Thank you for your attention to this ministry. The collection of hygiene items continues throughout the year. Thank you.

Following the success of the **Cool Beans Coffeehouse** last year, CUC will be hosting another youth coffeehouse concert on Sat., Dec. 9th 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.

Christmas is a-comin' and that goose is getting' fat ... please do put a penny (or a bit more) in the Christmas Hamper hat! TODAY is **White Gift Sunday** and all hamper items will be collected. We could not fill the hampers without the generous support from the congregation. There is time to add your name to help pack & deliver hampers if you have not done so. Please speak to a member of the hamper committee or call the office. Thank you.

Donated items must be received by December 10th.

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

Calling all elves! December 13th 7pm, is gift wrapping for the Christmas hamper children's items. Could you donate about 2 hours of your time to help? This is a way for students to earn volunteer hours. For more information, please contact Janice Hamilton 204-832-4792 or lhamilton@mymts.net



Do you have new or gently used Christmas gift bags? Please bring them to the church for use in the hampers.

Thank you for your generous and continued support.



Lights For Lives - Volunteers will be available after each worship service until December 24th 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 7th, 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. 7th, 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.

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.



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	Dec. 4 th	9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. C & C Mtg. (BR) Advent Service Set-Up (S, VRH) Women's Advent Ser. (S, VRH)
Tuesday	Dec. 5 th	8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (LL)
Wednesday	Dec. 6 th	9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Staff Mtg. (BR) AI-Anon (LL)
Thursday	Dec. 7 th	9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Seekers (BR) Girl Guides (LL) Pathfinders (Loft) Choir (S)
Friday	Dec. 8 th	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. T.G.I.F. (BR) W. Graham Funeral & Reception (S, CR, N, K, VRH)
Saturday	Dec. 9 th	7:00 p.m. Cool Beans Coffeehouse (N, S)
Sunday	Dec. 10 th	9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Cool School C & C Bake Sale (VRH) Ena Sutton Dancers (LL)
	Second Sunday of Advent	10 a.m. & 12 p.m. 3:00 p.m.

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



The next service where we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism** will take place on Sunday, December 31st with one service at 11:00 a.m.

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 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!

Our Poinsettia Fundraiser gave us a profit of \$528.36. Thanks to everyone for your support again this year!

Lights for Lives

“Out of the darkness the light shall shine”

The Advent season is upon us again, so it is time to look at our program for the coming season.

Our memorial lights program will begin on Sunday, December 3rd and conclude Sunday, December 24th. The Memorial Service will take place on January 7th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Last year, your generous contributions were directed to grief support agencies: Compassionate Friends, Hospice & Palliative Care Manitoba and our own Care-Ring program. Thank you for your contributions and support.

This form is used to record the names of those to be remembered. Volunteers are prepared to record your designations following each worship service commencing Sunday, December 3rd. You may also leave your designation at the church office.

May your holiday season be filled with peace, love and wonderful memories.

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Please record the name of the person(s) being remembered and return this form to the volunteers. You may also leave it in the church office.

In Memory Of	Please Print Legibly	Remembered By

To make a donation and receive a receipt for tax purposes, please provide the following information. Print legibly.

Thank you for your support.

Name of Donor _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

Mailing Address _____

Church Envelope # _____

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